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Athlon Editor George Leonard is many things, but above all, he is the consummate professional.

For more than 50 years, he has practiced his craft as a journalist, honing his writing skills and understanding of the competitive world of sports.

At the heart of his high standards of professionalism pounds the pulse of a dedicated fan. He follows sports with enthusiasm. But Leonard is no ordinary fan. He is a sports author and historian with an acute perspective on how the sporting events of today relate to the great moments of the past.



Leonard (left) interviews Johnny Mack Brown, former Alabama football star and movie actor.

Leonard began his career after graduating from the University of Alabama. Prior to assuming the *Athlon* editorial reins in 1981, he spent almost 40 years on the staff of the *Nashville Banner.*

Through the years, he has crossed paths with an array of celebrated sports figures. As a matter of trivia, he has interviewed every major league baseball player to pull an unassisted triple play. As a matter of education, he interviewed Willie Heston, famous Michigan halfback at the turn of the century, and learned much about football as it was played long ago. As a matter of impression, another moment he remembers occurred while covering the 1951 Sugar Bowl game. Notre Dame Coach Frank Leahy, whom Leonard had talked to after a game in Champaign, Ill., four years earlier, was present in the crowded press room. When Leonard walked in, Leahy said matter-of-factly, "Hello, George." Leonard says, "How could he remember my face, much less my first name, after all that time?"

When Leonard joined *Athlon*'s staff, his impact was immediate. He attracted some of the best sportswriters in the country to *Athlon*'s pages—writers such as Fred Russell, Skip Bayless, Dave Kindred, Joe Falls, Dave Anderson, Mike Lopresti and Herschel Nissenson.

Like an athlete who lifts his team by virtue of his own performance, Leonard has elevated the editorial staff of *Athlon.* His pursuit of excellence, his desire for accuracy and his work ethic are an inspiration and a challenge to us.

Regular readers of *Athlon*'s publications are familiar with the special inserts Leonard has penned in recent years: "As Thousands Cheered: A History of American Football"; "Frills and Spills: Bowl Games—an American Tradition"; "A Touch of Genius: Great Coaches"; and "A Drumroll Please: The Great Teams."

This year he brings us "A Remembrance of Games Past: The 10 Greatest."

Elsewhere in this year's edition of *Athlon*:

Ever wonder why some all-star high school players seem to develop so slowly once they enter college? Check out "Overcoming the Odds." You'll see what a college freshman's experiences are all about.

Georgia Tech Coach Bobby Ross is highlighted. He took over the Yellow Jackets' program in 1987 and turned it into a national champion.

These are just a few of the features that can be found, along with the team previews, rosters and statistics. We hope you enjoy. ■

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SEPTEMBER 7

LSU . . . . . at. . . . . Georgia

For either the Bulldogs or the Tigers to have a shot at the conference title, they have got to win this one, as both are picked for the middle of the pack.

SEPTEMBER 14

Notre Dame . . . . at . . . . . Michigan

The annual clash between these two midwestern giants will go a long way toward deciding the 1991 national championship. The early-season date allows the loser of the contest plenty of time to recover in the rankings.

UCLA . . . . . at. . . . . Tennessee

The Vols are faced with a stiff challenge from outside the conference for the second time in as many games. But this time it is on their home turf.

Alabama . . . . . at . . . . . Florida

The Gators open their assault on the conference at home against 'Bama. But the Tide, with Gene Stallings' program now firmly established, hope to get out of the gate faster than the 0-3 start in '90.

SEPTEMBER 21

Auburn . . . . . at. . . . . Texas

Coach David McWilliams has Texas football flying high but this may be the toughest challenge of their non-conference slate. As usual, Auburn is one of the SEC favorites.

SEPTEMBER 28

Florida State . . . . at . . . . . Michigan

If the Wolverines get by Notre Dame on September 14, this will be No. 1 vs. No. 2. The Seminoles have been slow out of the blocks in recent years, but Bobby Bowden will have his men ready for this one.

Auburn . . . . . at. . . . . Tennessee

If these are not the two best teams in the SEC, they certainly are in the top three. The Tigers and the Volunteers have won or tied for the conference title each of the last four years.

OCTOBER 5

Clemson . . . . . at. . . . . Georgia

A victory over Clemson would go a long way toward restoring the proud Georgia football program to national prominence. The Bulldogs get their out-of-state rivals in Athens this time.

OCTOBER 12

Tennessee . . . . . at . . . . . Florida

This might be the most crucial contest of the 1991 SEC season. The Gators will be out to avenge last year's 45-3 thrashing at the hands of the Volunteers in Knoxville.

OCTOBER 19

Tennessee . . . . . at. . . . . Alabama

The Volunteers travel to Birmingham for the 74th renewal of this fierce rivalry, the outcome of which will have a significant bearing on the conference championship.



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OCTOBER 26

Southern Cal. . . . at. . . . .Notre Dame

The most colorful of all intersectional rivalries returns to South Bend with the Irish boasting an eight-game winning streak in the series.

Florida State . . . . at . . . . . .LSU

A victory over the mighty Seminoles would be a feather in first-year LSU Coach Curley Hallman's cap. Tiger Stadium is widely known as the most difficult site for any football team to visit.

NOVEMBER 2

Florida . . . . . at. . . . . .Auburn

The Tigers are at home with revenge in their eyes as they host the Gators, 48-7 winners in last year's contest.

NOVEMBER 9

Tennessee . . . . . at. . . . .Notre Dame

This one promises to be just as exciting as the 1990 thriller, when the Irish prevailed 34-29 on hostile turf.

Georgia . . . . . vs.. . . . . .Florida

The Gator Bowl in Jacksonville is the site for this rivalry, which promises to be more competitive than in recent years.

NOVEMBER 16

Miami . . . . . at . . . .Florida State

The Hurricanes and the Seminoles will slug it our for bragging rights in Florida and possibly for the national title.

NOVEMBER 23

UCLA . . . . . at . . . .Southern Cal
Ohio State . . . . . at . . . . . .Michigan
Clemson . . . . . at. . .South Carolina

As far as traditional sectional rivalries are concerned, this is the busiest day of the season. Conference championships will be decided and national rankings will be rearranged.

NOVEMBER 30

Florida State . . . . at . . . . . .Florida

The national title could come down to the winner of the FSU-Florida game for the first time ever. This will be a dogfight.

Alabama . . . . . vs.. . . . . .Auburn

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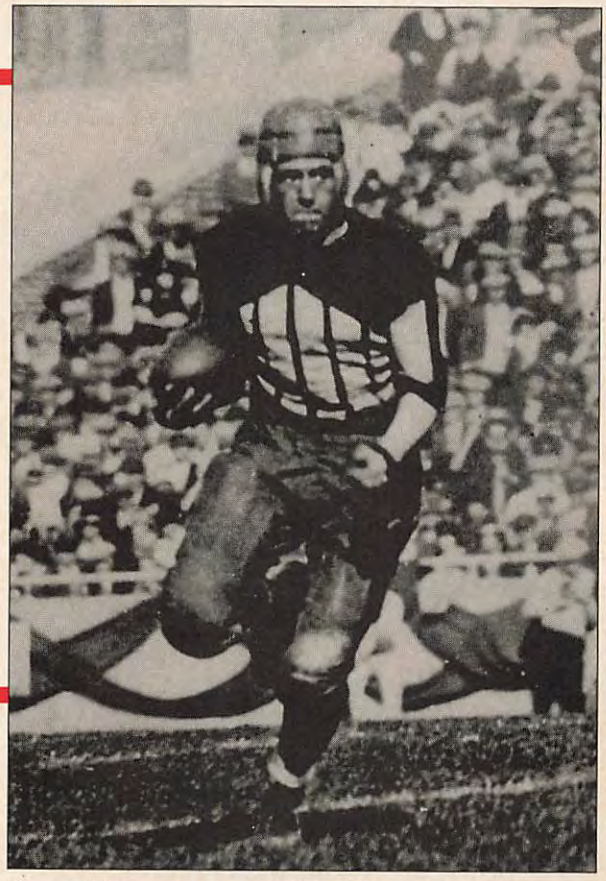
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If Robert Stewart doesn't make it in professional football, he can almost certainly qualify for a job with a moving company. Few know more about moving than Stewart, who has started at three different positions—inside linebacker, fullback and nose guard—during his career at Alabama.

"He's a physical freak," says Auburn Coach Pat Dye. "He's 6–2, 285 pounds and runs a 4.6 40."

Actually, Stewart is closer to 6–0 and 270, and he has run a 4.57 40. But make no mistake, Stewart is very much a football player. "Probably the best nose guard in America," Dye said last season after Stewart earned second-team All-Southeastern Conference honors in his first year at the position. There is no thought of asking him to move again.

"I don't mean he knocked them down; I mean he knocked them out cold—down for the 10-count. They had to take the players off the field."

Stewart had an outstanding prep career at Houston County (Ala.) High School, playing tailback and fullback, rushing for 4,471 yards and scoring 57 touchdowns. He gained 2,155 yards as a junior and 1,020 as a senior when he played only six games because of injuries. But after all that offense, Stewart played linebacker in 1986 at Tennessee Military Academy.

And that's where he spent his true freshman season (1987) at Alabama, starting the last five games of the regular season and earning All-SEC freshman team honors even though Don Lindsey, then the Crimson Tide's defensive coordinator, said Stewart was "not a natural linebacker. You look at his body and strength and say he has to be, but he's not. He did not possess, right off the bat, the natural characteristics and instincts of a linebacker. I didn't have any visions of Robert starting over there. We just needed numbers, some depth."

At the end of the season, Stewart said that if he had his druthers, he "would lean toward staying on defense. I'm really starting to enjoy this side of the ball."

So, naturally, he wound up at fullback in 1988, starting four games and rushing for 135 yards on 42 carries. Mostly, he blocked.

Against Temple in the 1988 opener, "He had a couple of good short-yardage runs, and he had two blocks where he knocked people out," Bill Curry, then the Alabama coach, said. "I don't mean he knocked them down; I mean he knocked them out cold—down for the 10-count. They had to take the players off the field and work on them on the sidelines. His potential is awesome. If he does anything with all his strength, he's too much for the ordinary man."

Where Stewart would have played in 1989 is anybody's guess, but he did not play after a brush with the law. Curry suspended him for the season.

Stewart came back in 1990 with a vengeance. He also came back as a nose guard.

"A lot of people just expected me to give up football," Stewart says, "but I didn't have it in my heart to quit. I had never quit before. So instead, I decided to hang in there."

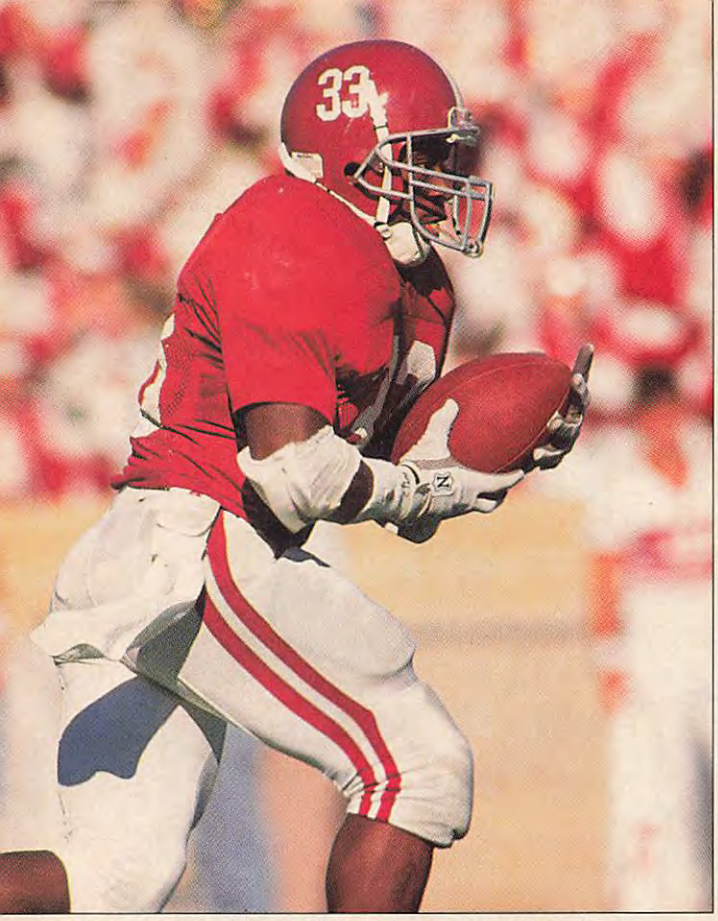
Although he wasn't allowed to play, Stewart was permitted to practice at nose guard.

"It was tough," he says, "but the good thing was that I was able to go out and help the team get ready to perform on Saturday. I like to think it was an advantage to them, and it was an advantage to me. Instead of getting out of shape, I was able to go out and give 100 percent and make just as much of a contribution to the team. It was better than being booted off for good."

As spring practice came to a close in 1990, defensive line coach Mike Dubose said: "Robert is not a winning nose tackle right now, but he's got the ability to be one. There are few people who understand all the things that you ask a defensive lineman to do. He is actually a linebacker in a three- or four-point stance. We ask him to be able to line up and read three blockers simultaneously

Crimson Tide nose guard Robert Stewart has the strength and quickness to keep foes at arm's length.





With Siran Stacy injured, Chris Anderson delivered at tailback . . .



. . . but Stacy is back and could be in the race for the Heisman.

■ *ALABAMA*

and be able to play one of the three, or even all three blockers, and still have the speed and quickness to rush the passer and help as far as run stunts and pass-rush stunts are concerned.

"Ideally, Robert has tremendous speed, quickness and strength for the nose tackle position. And for us to play the 3–4 successfully, we must have a nose tackle that can line up and dominate inside.

"The nose tackle position is important to the point that it is vital. The nose tackle is the closest (defensive) guy to the football. When you speak in offensive terms, as far as being able to score, the closest distance to the end zone is a straight line. When you put that into perspective, the nose tackle may be the most important part of your defensive line and may be the most important in a 3–4 defense because of its alignment."

In turning things around since his year off, Stewart has become a family man. On July 22, 1989, he married the former Katherine Burgin. A daughter, Chelsea Louise, was born last summer.

"I feel like I'm a better person," Stewart says. "I'm more focused on what I want to get out of life. I've got a family now, so there's more to work for. I want to provide for them. I hope to go on and play pro football.

"It's nice to have someone to sit down with and talk to when you have a problem. When I come home, the best thing about my wife is we can talk about anything on my mind. She tells me, 'Don't be afraid to talk about anything because I love you.'

"I know my limitations, but I also know I have responsibilities to meet. It's not tough to reach your goals when you keep that in mind. My work habits are stronger, and I have a different attitude toward academics and toward football."

Stewart is one of seven starters returning to a defensive unit that led the nation in pass efficiency defense and ranked third in total defense, fourth in scoring defense and sixth in rushing defense. The Tide topped the SEC in total defense and scoring defense, and was second in both rushing and pass defense.

Overall, Alabama returns 56 of 73 lettermen, including six regulars on offense. Gene Stallings, in his second year as head coach, is looking for immediate help on the offensive and defensive lines and at quarterback. His 7–5 debut season started with an 0–3 record and ended with an embarrassing 34–7 loss to Louisville in the Fiesta Bowl but included wins over arch-rivals Auburn and Tennessee. The Tide hadn't beaten both of the SEC powers in the same season since 1981.

The Tide lost the entire starting right side of its offensive line, plus the center, while two-year starter Gary Hollingsworth must be replaced at quarterback. Two of the defensive stalwarts—ends Byron Holdbrooks and George Thornton—are gone, along with outside linebacker Spencer Hammond and free safety Efrum Thomas. Also missing is All-America placekicker Philip Doyle, 'Bama's all-time leading scorer.

In 'Bama's defensive terminology, the ends are really tackles, i.e., down linemen.

Says Stallings: "We've got Eric Curry (6–6, 265, junior) back, who played at right end, and we've got Jeremy Nunley (6–5, 255, sophomore), who played some at end." In addition, junior college All-American John Copeland (6–4, 265) was on hand for spring practice; sophomore Ervin Collier (6–3, 257) had some playing time last year; sophomore Roderick Bradford (6–5, 235), a backup outside linebacker, will be tried at end; and redshirt freshman Jason Milner (6–5, 260) is a promising talent. Another redshirt freshman, Chuck Aaron (6–3, 260), missed the spring work while recovering from an automobile accident. Sophomore James Gregory (6–4, 295), one of three true freshmen to letter in 1990, will back up Stewart.

Hammond's likely successor at one outside linebacker spot will be junior Antonio London (6–2, 220), who started in the Fiesta Bowl. On the other side, senior Steve Webb (6–3, 250) and his top backup, senior Byron Sneed (6–3, 244), return. Other candidates include juniors Bragg Rockwell (6–0, 205) and Chris Cochran (6–3, 235), and redshirt freshmen DeLan Trimble (6–3, 230) and Jay Brannen (6–2, 210).

Both inside linebackers return. Senior John Sullins (6–1, 225) and junior Derrick Oden (6–1, 225) were 1–2 on the team in

tackles. Plenty of depth is available, too, in juniors Rodney Helton (6–1, 220) and Keith Neighbors (6–1, 215), sophomores Victor Lockett (5–11, 228) and John Clay (6–1, 226), and redshirt freshmen Michael Rogers (6–1, 215) and Mario Morris (6–2, 220).

The Tide shouldn't have too much trouble replacing Thomas at free safety. Senior Charles Gardner, who was the regular as a freshman and sophomore and started the first few games a year ago, is back. Others include senior Brian Stutson, who has seen some action in Alabama's various special defenses, and redshirt freshmen Derrick Nesbitt and Jackson Lowery. Nesbitt came to Alabama with glowing prep credentials.

The rest of the secondary returns: senior Stacy Harrison at strong safety and senior Mark McMillian and junior George Teague at the corners. Also returning are impressive backups in sophomores Antonio Langham and Lemanski Hall.

Two years ago, Hollingsworth came out of nowhere to win the quarterback job and set all kinds of passing records. Once again, the starter will be virtually devoid of experience. Senior Danny Woodson was Hollingsworth's backup, but he threw only 11 passes all season and completed two, both against Cincinnati. Woodson also carried 21 times for 96 yards. Many observers expect the job to go to redshirt freshman Jay Barker. Whoever wins out will have much more mobility than Hollingsworth, which might portend a move away from the dropback passing game. Woodson is an excellent scrambler, and Barker directed a wishbone offense in high school.

Barker had yet to reach his 19th birthday during spring practice, the youngest scholarship player on the squad.

"One of the main things I have to do is gain the respect of the other players," Barker says. "I have to let them know that I want to be in charge of the team. I plan to take that leadership role."

Other possibilities include junior Scott Etter and redshirt freshman Jason Jack.

The start of Alabama's 1990 season was a game-by-game nightmare. In the opener, tailback Siran Stacy, touted as a Heisman Trophy candidate, was lost for the season with a knee injury. The same fate befell split end Craig Sanderson in game two, flanker Prince Wimbley in game three and Tarrant Lynch, Stacy's replacement, in game four.

All are back—Lynch is a freshman, Sanderson a senior and Wimbley a junior—which should have a positive effect on the offense. Stallings says that "a certain amount of the offense is going to be changing," but is vague as to specifics.

Without Stacy, the tailbacks are adequate, if not spectacular. Diminutive sophomore Chris Anderson started the last half of the season and responded with some excellent outings. He gained 116 yards against LSU and 106 against Mississippi State. Junior Derrick Lassic has a couple of years experience; senior Robert Jones, the short-yardage blaster, scored a team-high nine touchdowns; and junior Irving Spikes has a few carries under his belt.



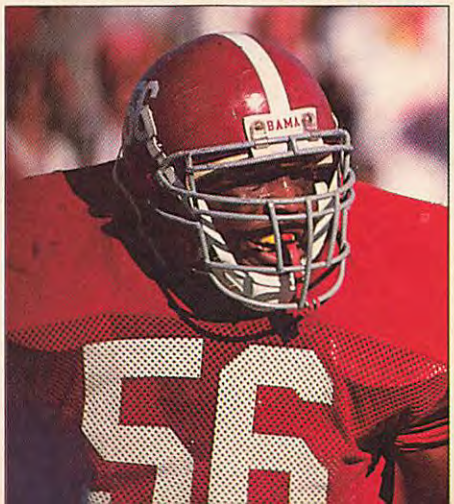
John Sullins gives 'Bama stellar linebacking on the inside.

They might all ride the bench, though, if Stacy is anything close to his 1989 form when he rushed for 1,079 yards and scored 18 touchdowns. His 169 yards against Memphis State were the most ever by an Alabama player in his first college game. Stallings calls Stacy "the best back I have ever coached."

Starting fullback Kevin Turner, a senior, and backup Martin Houston, a junior, return, but keep an eye out for Junior Sewell, a junior in class as well as name. Sewell gained 253 yards on 35 carries during the season and was most impressive in the one-back offense, especially in a fourth-quarter drive against Auburn.

The return of Sanderson and Wimbley to an already talented wide receiver corps has Stallings smiling. The rest of the group includes juniors Donnie Finkley and Willis Bevelle, sophomores Lorenzo Cole and Kevin Lee, and redshirt freshmen Rick Brown and Rock Woody. Junior Steve Busky (6–5, 215), who took over at tight end when Lamonde Russell moved to wide-out early in the season, returns, along with junior Derrick Warren (6–4, 235) and redshirt freshman Darrell Miller (6–4, 233).

Derrick Oden was second in tackles to Sullins.



The big problem on offense, other than quarterback, is the line, where three starters are gone, including a couple of All-SEC performers. Sophomore Matt Hammond (6–3, 260) returns at left tackle but must get bigger and stronger. Sophomore William Barger (6–3, 270) was a late-season fill-in at left guard. Barger likely will move to right guard to make room for senior Charlie Dare (6–5, 290), a former tackle. Other candidates at tackle and guard include senior Tim Matheny (6–3, 270) and juniors George Wilson (6–2, 255), Johnny Howard (6–3, 270) and Roosevelt Patterson (6–3, 290), who hasn't played in two years. Sophomore Tobie Sheils (6–2, 250) is the only center with any experience.

The leading candidate to replace the prolific Doyle (345 points, 78 field goals, both school records) is junior Hamp Greene, who lettered at North Carolina in 1988. Senior Tank Williamson and sophomore Stan Moss shared punting duties last fall, and both were found wanting.

With a year under his belt, Stallings says that "things will be a whole lot easier, even little things. Last year, we had to spend time on things like how to huddle, break the huddle, go to the line of scrimmage and run a play." ■

VANDERBILT

It sounds like one of those comic book come-ons for a body-building course: "Laughed-at weakling turns himself into record-breaking muscleman." Actually, it's a true-life account of Vanderbilt senior Kevin Brothen's development. He is believed to be the strongest football player in Vanderbilt history and is considered one of the top centers in the Southeastern Conference. The 6–2, 289-pounder has a key role in the Commodores' new I-Bone attack.

Brothen's tree-trunk triceps and ham-hock biceps didn't develop overnight. Growing up in a Chicago suburb, he was considered scrawny. So much so, that . . . well, here's how Brothen recalls it:

"As a little kid, I remember crying because other kids made fun of a little bump on my arm where my triceps was supposed to be. I had a big neck and big chest, but no arm muscles.

Brothen was billed as the strongest player to wear the black and gold in 101 years of Commodore football. He bench-pressed 485 pounds.

"Finally, I got tired of being made fun of, so my little brother and I made a barbell out of two manhole covers and a piece of pipe. We cleared out a space in our garage and began to work out.

"As we became more and more serious about it, our dad began to help us out. He bought us some real weight equipment to replace the homemade stuff and finally converted our entire garage into a weight room. We kept training harder and harder."

Last season Brothen was billed as the strongest player to wear the black and gold in 101 years of Commodore football. He bench-pressed 485 pounds, and then-strength coach Brad Bates said that to his knowledge no other Vanderbilt athlete had ever come close to hefting that weight. Brothen also can do eight reps of 1000 pounds on the leg-press.

As the teenage Brothen built himself up, he also built a reputation as a top-flight linebacker at Marist High School in Oak Lawn, Ill. Following his senior season, Brothen was considered among the state's 18 top college prospects. He found himself high on the recruiting lists of such football notables as Nebraska and Michigan.

He eventually chose Vanderbilt, a school that has posted only four winning seasons in the past 31 years.

"Someone once asked me if I would rather be a small fish in a big pond or a big fish in a small pond," Brothen says. "I knew if I came to Vanderbilt I could jump right in. I would rather be the big fish.

"Plus, Vanderbilt has a lot to offer in the way of academics. It's a great school in a great conference. I know we've had some rough times and three tough seasons since I've been here, but I don't regret my decision one bit."

Brothen, having muscled his way into the limelight, has been the subject of speculation about steroid use. He welcomes each opportunity to publicly confront the issue.

"I've never used drugs; never have and never will," he says. "The NCAA and the NFL have really cracked down in recent years, and I'm all for it. I would advise young players to stay away from them (steroids) because they're dangerous.

"If you're willing to work, you can get the results you want the right way. You just have to be willing to put in the time and effort. During the summer I generally lift four hours a day, six days a week. Once we get into practice, I lift only two or three days a week."

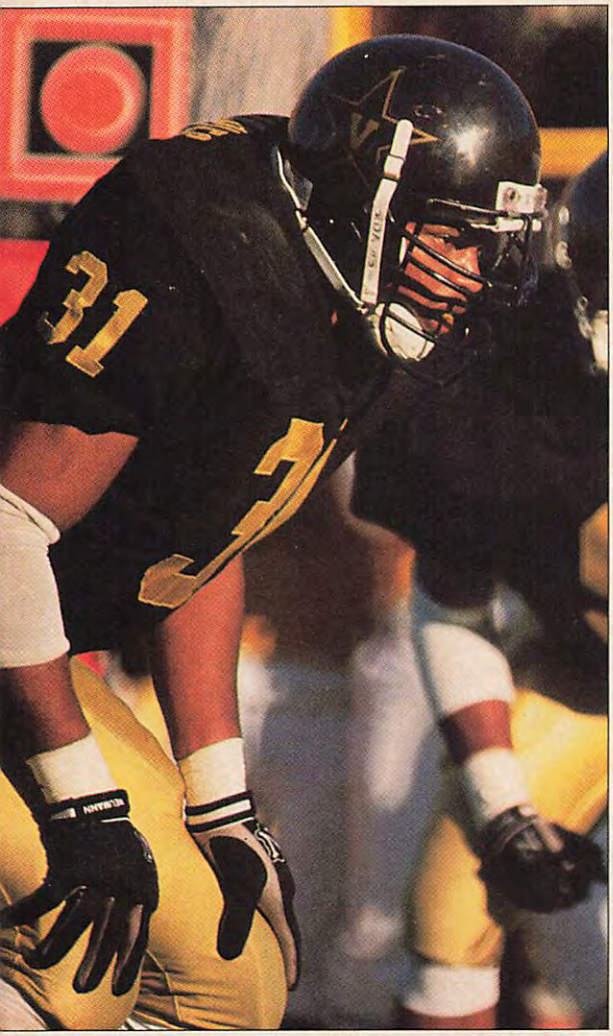
Brothen says he is a football player first and a muscle-builder second.

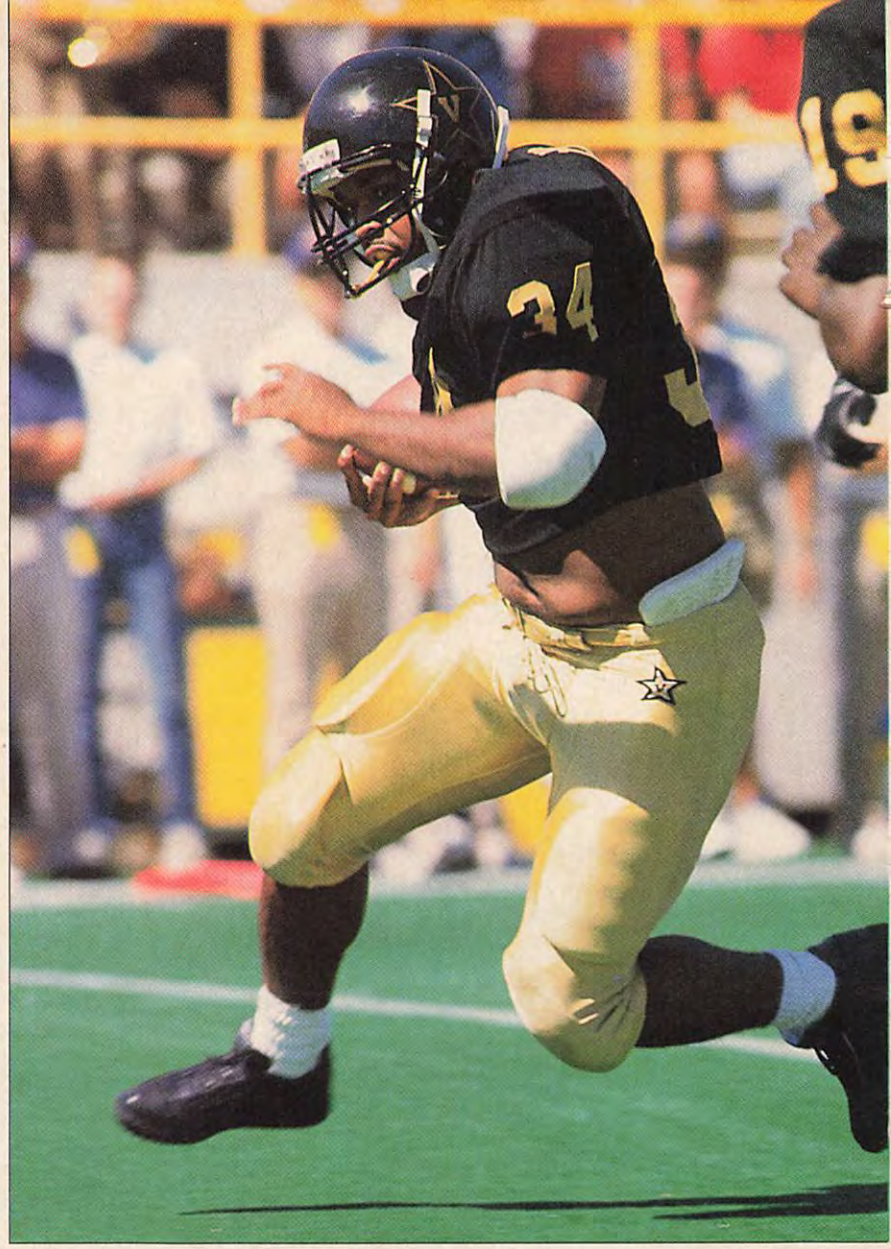
"Sheer strength is not enough," he explains. "I have to maintain my foot speed and mobility. So along with weight lifting, I do a lot of agility drills and exercises."

Brothen began his Vanderbilt career at defensive tackle but was switched

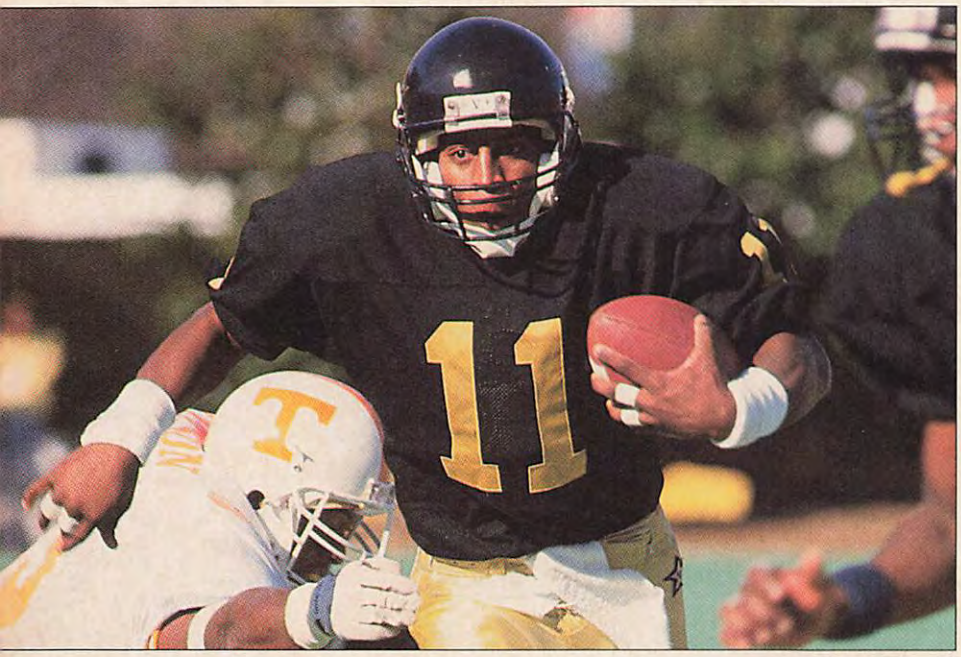
Vanderbilt center Kevin Brothen gets plenty of respect. The all-star candidate happens to be one of college football's strongest players.


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The Commodores set sail with a new coach, a new offense, new motivation and with these hands on deck: (clockwise) linebacker Shelton Quarles, fullback Carlos Thomas and quarterback Marcus Wilson.



to offensive center in 1989 spring practice. "At first I had my doubts," he says, "but the more I played center, the more I liked it. I realize we offensive linemen aren't going to get a lot of attention, but we know when we play well. When the offense scores, we know we've done our job."

Understand, Brothen's effort and talent did not go unappreciated last season. Then-head Coach Watson Brown termed Brothen "the best center in the Southeastern Conference." Veteran line coach Tom Goode called Brothen "potentially the best center I ever coached."

Brown is now at Mississippi State as offensive coordinator, replaced at Vanderbilt by Gerry DiNardo. DiNardo's task is to turn around a program that has endured eight consecutive losing seasons, including back-to-back 1–10 years.

"I think everybody is optimistic about our ability to get it done," Brothen says. "It was

really frustrating last season because we were not as bad a team as that record made us appear. We played some good football at times, but we just couldn't put it all together on a consistent basis.

"Nobody took it harder than I did, because I've always been a very competitive person. For me, personally, that's been an extra incentive ever since I've been at Vanderbilt and will continue to be my incentive this season. Our senior class has never had a winning season, and now we're down to our last chance. As far as I'm concerned, that's all the motivation we need."

"Football is too hard a game to practice hard and play hard without the reward of winning."

Vanderbilt, which ran the wishbone offense last season, has switched to the I-Bone attack DiNardo used so effectively as Colorado's offensive coordinator last season. The scheme combines elements of the I-formation and the wishbone.

"It's going to be different and obviously will require some getting used to," Brothen says. "But I'm willing to do whatever it takes to make us a better team, and I know every other player feels the same way. I'm very excited about it."

Brothen is one of eight returning starters on an offense that led the SEC in rushing last season. The guards are senior Harlow Dodge (6–5, 263) and sophomore Lloyd Griffin (6–4, 272). The tackles will be senior Bobby Craycraft (6–4, 296) and redshirt freshman Jason O'Connell (6–4, 282), with sophomore Pat Akos (6–5, 248) at tight end.

Juniors Marcus Wilson and Mike Healey will see action at quarterback, as they did last season. Wilson, who suffered a broken hand on the first day of spring practice, is considered the better runner and collected 445 yards and six touchdowns on 116 carries last season. Healey's strength is passing; he hit 75 of 130 attempts for 1,041 yards and 10 touchdowns, with just one interception. DiNardo believes both talents will be needed but plans to settle on a starter by the season opener against Syracuse.

Carlos Thomas, the team's leading rusher the past two years, returns at fullback. The 5–10, 219-pound junior ran for 680 yards and six touchdowns in 1990.

Senior Corey Harris, a tailback in past seasons, asked for a shot at cornerback in spring practice but is expected to return to his offensive position in the fall. Other tailbacks are sophomore Tony Jackson and redshirt freshman Mario Allman, who had a fine spring. Senior Anthony Carter will play wingback.

Junior Clarence Sevillian will open at split end, backed up by sophomore Eric Weir, who has demonstrated an ability to come up with the clutch catch.

Senior Jeff Owen and junior Rob Chura again will share placekicking duties.

Defensively, Vanderbilt must plug holes that gave up a gush of points last year, and the Commodores have 10 starters back to help with the task.

"We must make drastic improvement on defense," says DiNardo. "Defense is one of our biggest challenges. A lot of our decisions will be based on improving the defense."

The Commodores have solid linebackers in sophomores Shelton Quarles (6–2, 210), the team's leading tackler last year, and Gerald Collins (6–3, 239), backed up by senior Steve Medes (6–2, 198) and sophomore Ashley Stanford (6–3, 230). Sophomore Alan Young (6–4, 238) is getting a look at left-side linebacker after missing much of last season with a knee injury. Senior Rod Keith (6–1, 222) plays the middle linebacker after working at defensive end last year.

Junior Mike Gandolfo (6–1, 235) or junior Tom Vincent (6–6, 275) will line up at nose guard, with sophomores John DeWitt (6–4, 243) and Derick Bossier (6–1, 232) at tackles. Robert Davis, a solid performer as a freshman last year, and sophomore Derek Wilham will hold down the cornerback spots. Sophomore Aaron Smith plays free safety and Rico Francis strong safety. Junior David Lawrence will handle the punting.

DiNardo, who gave up a secure position as offensive coordinator at Colorado to become head coach at Vanderbilt, did so with his eyes wide-open.

"I'm aware of the task we face," he says. "My expectations at Vanderbilt are high. My coaches will have high expectations or they won't be members of my staff. My players will have high expectations or they won't be members of my team. We plan to set goals and will confront any problems that are between ourselves and those goals."

DiNardo refuses to subscribe to the proposition that the university's stringent academic demands represent a stumbling block for a successful football program.

"I believe the two are compatible—that a young man can be a good student as well as a good football player," says DiNardo, who was an All-America guard at Notre Dame. "It is being done at other schools with high academic standards, and it can be done here.

"We have to sell our players that they can win. Football is too hard a game to practice hard and play hard without the reward of winning. We will stimulate our players and motivate them until they are convinced in their own minds that they can win." ■



FLORIDA

It wasn't that long ago when Shane Matthews spent more time during football practice working the chewing gum in his mouth than he spent working his throwing arm. Joking with the ball boys and the trainers was the only diversion that made practice tolerable.

Fifth-string quarterbacks just don't get many snaps—or much respect.

"I got pretty good at shooting the breeze," Matthews says. "But generally, I dreaded practice. I dreaded having to go to the meetings. All I basically got to do was stand around."

Matthews started the spring of 1990 fifth on the depth chart. He started and finished the spring of 1991 as the No. 1 quarterback at the University of Florida, and he returns this season as one of the nation's top returning quarterbacks.

"I just kept saying to myself, 'Be ready when your chance comes because if you're not, you may not get a second chance.' Fortunately, I was ready."

It has been quite a remarkable climb.

Matthews, a 6–2, 185-pound junior, was the Southeastern Conference Player of the Year in 1990, setting nine single-season school passing records and one single-season SEC record.

He passed for 2,952 yards and 23 touchdowns; both marks were the second-most in SEC history. He completed 229 of 378 passes (60.6 percent), the best completion percentage in conference history for someone with more than 200 completions.

Matthews threw for more than 300 yards five times last season. He posted four of the top 10 passing games in school history, which is remarkable considering that both Florida Coach Steve Spurrier and assistant John Reaves had quarterbacked at Florida before him. Matthews also finished the season ranked seventh nationally in passing efficiency with a rating of 139.9.

All this from someone who considered transferring the previous season because it looked like he might never play.

"I thought maybe I was going to get lost in the shuffle here," Matthews says. "It looked pretty hopeless for a little while. But I just kept saying to myself, 'Be ready when your chance comes because if you're not, you may not get a second chance.' Fortunately, I was ready. Then things just fell into place. I've been lucky, but I've also worked hard."

Matthews, from Pascagoula, Miss., led Florida to a 9–2 overall record and 6–1 SEC mark, though the Gators were ineligible for the conference title due to NCAA sanctions. This season, with the sanctions lifted, Matthews is expected to be the marquee player on a team with legitimate designs on a USF&G Sugar Bowl bid.

"Shane improved noticeably as the season went on last year," says Spurrier. "And now, he's bigger and stronger. If he improves as much in 1991 as he did in 1990, there's no question he can be one of the premier quarterbacks in the country."

What helps make Matthews potentially so good is the pass-happy, wide-open attack that Spurrier will use again this season. He used it successfully with the Tampa Bay Bandits of the United States Football League. He used it successfully with Duke.

"It's any quarterback's dream," Matthews says. "It may look complicated at first, but once you get it down, it's easy."

Spurrier's offense puts a premium on having an accurate, intelligent quarterback who can think as well as throw. It uses three and sometimes four wide receivers. But most importantly, it's exciting only if the quarterback makes it work.

That's how Matthews got his chance.

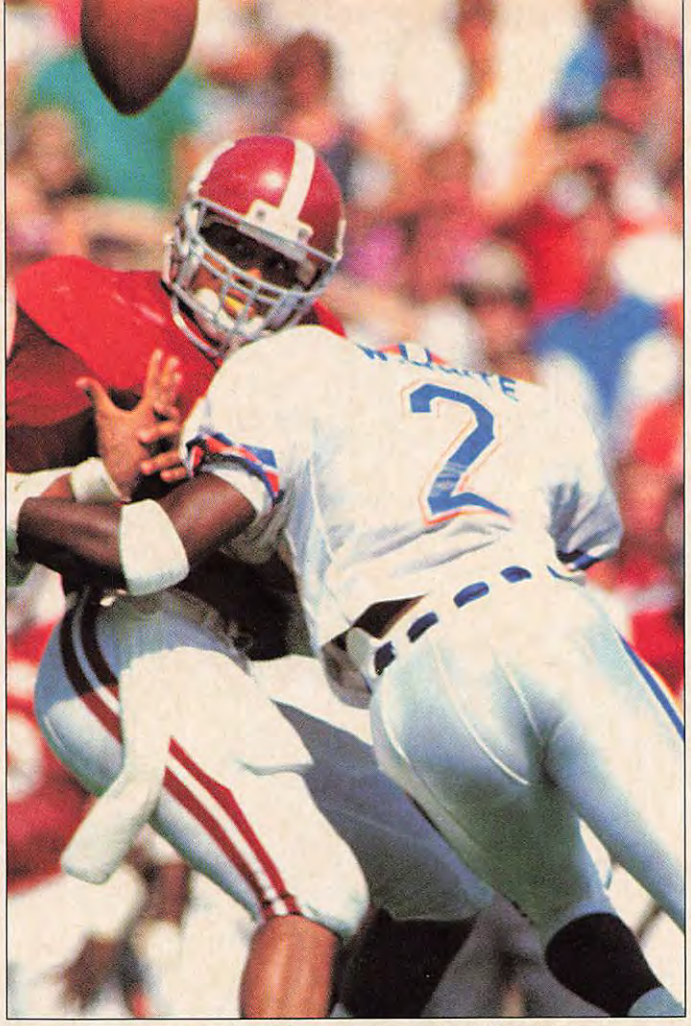
Before 1990 spring practice began, Matthews was behind four other quarterback candidates, including Kyle Morris, the starter in '89. But shortly after spring

Shane Matthews, who passed all expectations, returns to lead the Gators, possibly to the SEC championship.


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Linebacker Tim Paulk had a 50-yard interception return . . .



. . . and so did All-America free safety Will White.

practice got under way, Donald Douglas announced that he was tranferring to Houston, and Matthews moved to No. 4. Brian Fox, the former starter at Purdue, broke a bone in his foot, moving Matthews to No. 3. Lex Smith, another candidate, wasn't playing well, which helped Matthews move to No. 2.

And when he finally got enough playing time to show what he could do, Matthews began to shine. Two weeks before the 1990 season began, he was clearly No. 1.

Even though he admittedly had the weakest arm of the five original candidates, he also had the most accurate. He throws what receivers like to call "a soft pass," which is easy to catch. The son of a high school football coach, Matthews also reads defenses well. He has good vision of the field.

"He has that innate ability not to make mistakes," Spurrier says. "But when that spring first started, he was so far back, he didn't even play in the first scrimmage."

Matthews, whose father named him after the title character in the movie *Shane*, had all the cool that Spurrier was looking for. He wasn't big, but he was mobile, able to scramble away from trouble. He was deadly accurate. He couldn't throw the ball 80 yards, but he could hit a target 20 yards away 10 times out of 10.

Yet Matthews almost never got the chance. The fall of his freshman season, weary of watching from the sidelines, he and Morris were suspended from the team when it was discovered they violated NCAA rules regarding gambling. Although Matthews and Morris considered it a fun thing to do and never realized the seriousness of their actions, university officials were neither amused nor lenient. After consulting with the NCAA, the university suspended the pair for the rest of the season.

Since Morris was the starting quarterback, he made headlines. But Matthews almost went unnoticed because he was so far down the depth chart.

"That was one time when I was glad that nobody knew who I was," says Matthews. "I was embarrassed, but it helped me grow up."

When Spurrier was hired after the 1989 season, it was the first of many breaks Matthews needed. Running back Emmitt Smith had left school a year early to play in the NFL, and Spurrier's offense was tailored for someone like Matthews. The absence of Smith made it an easier decision to throw more.

"The cards have fallen my way so far and I've been fortunate, but I'm not totally surprised," Matthews says. "I always knew I had the potential to play if given the opportunity. I'm just glad to be at the top now."

Of the five quarterbacks that started the spring of 1990, only Matthews, Fox and Smith are still around, though Smith has been moved to outside linebacker. Douglas is with the Houston Cougars, and Morris has transferred to Mississippi College. Fox, who started eight games for Purdue, is the backup to Matthews, giving the Gators solid depth at the position.

Florida, which finished 11th in the final regular-season Associated Press poll, should be one of the SEC's best teams in 1991.

The Gators return seven starters on offense and four on defense. Last season, Florida led the SEC in total offense, averaging 452.5 yards per game. Spurrier expects the Gators to improve, despite losing both starting wide receivers and tight end Kirk Kirkpatrick, who led the SEC with 55 receptions.

Offensively, returning starters include senior running back Willie McClendon and senior fullback Dexter McNabb. Sophomore running back Errict Rhett and sophomore fullback Kelvin Randolph also have started a few games, giving the Gators depth in the backfield.

On the offensive line, Florida returns senior center Cal Dixon (6–4, 278), who has started

23 consecutive games and was an All-SEC selection last season. Also back are senior tackle Mark White (6–5, 293), who started at guard his sophomore year, then moved to tackle last season, and senior guard Hesham Ismail (6–2, 279). Battling to fill the other two offensive line positions are senior Tony Rowell (6–4, 277), junior John Williams (6–3, 294), and sophomores Ryan Taylor (6–4, 284) and Jim Watson (6–2, 271).

Competing for the wide receiver spots are junior Tre Everett, sophomores Monty Duncan, Harrison Houston and Henry Haston, and freshman Aubrey Hill.

Juniors Greg Keller (6–4, 234) or Terrell Jackson (6–1, 226), or freshman George Rushing (6–3, 227) will be at tight end.

Although much of the attention in Spurrier's first season focused on the offense, the defense didn't do badly, either. The Gators ranked fifth nationally in total defense, allowing 257.6 yards a game. They gave up just 85.5 yards a game against the rush, which led the SEC.

The four starters returning from that defense are senior tackle Brad Culpepper (6–2, 264), junior free safety Will White, senior inside linebacker Tim Paulk (6–1, 229) and senior outside linebacker Ephesians Bartley (6–3, 212). Bartley has moved to gatorback.

Culpepper, a second-team All-SEC choice (AP) last year, is starting for the third season. He had 64 tackles to lead Florida defensive linemen last season. He also had 5½ sacks. Paulk had 77 tackles and four interceptions, along with two sacks and five tackles for a loss.

White had seven interceptions last season, tops in the SEC and second nationally, and he was one of 15 finalists for the Thorpe Award. His three interceptions against Alabama tied an SEC single-game record.

Filling one hole at defensive end will be senior Mike Brandon (6–4, 279), formerly a defensive tackle. Also expected to play considerably at defensive end are juniors Harvey Thomas (6–4, 231), Mike Kerr (6–6, 231) and Darren Mickell (6–4, 276). Senior tackle Tony McCoy (6–2, 273) has returned after sitting out a season, and junior Phillip Johnson (6–4, 278) and sophomore William Gaines (6–5, 279) will figure prominently on the defensive line.

At the other inside linebacker, junior Carlton Miles (6–1, 233), and sophomores Ed Robinson (6–0, 221) and Charlie Dean (6–2, 229) are top candidates for starting spots. Juniors Monty Grow (6–3, 211), Myrick Anderson (5–11, 204) and Ainsley Carry (5–10, 198) battle for the outside linebacker position.

In the defensive backfield, juniors Del Speer and Jimmy Owens, and freshmen Pete Archie and Eddie Lake will compete for the cornerback spots. Freshman Michael Gilmore could see action at safety.



Defensive tackle Brad Culpepper embodies the ideal of the best in academics and athletics.

"We've got a lot of talent competing for jobs out there defensively," Spurrier says. "And our biggest concern is establishing the depth we need to compete at this level week in and week out."

The special teams should be solid for the Gators, with senior placekicker Arden Czyzewski returning. He hit 15 of 19 field goals and scored 87 points last season, fourth-best in the SEC. He should be even more effective this season without having to handle punting duties, as he did last year. The Gators landed freshman Shayne Edge, a highly regarded punter. ■

Returning All-SEC center Cal Dixon gives the Gators' offense its initial thrust.



MISSISSIPPI

Don't get Tony James wrong. He doesn't regret his decision to play football for Mississippi State. It's just that he can't help but wonder what might have happened had he been noticed a little more during his senior year in high school.

Oh, he had plenty of offers. James was recruited by dozens of colleges and took official visits to Florida, Florida State, Arkansas, Ole Miss and, of course, Mississippi State. Without question, the major schools went after him.

But if a couple of smaller schools in Mississippi had shown some interest, James may have gone in a different direction.

"My favorite team growing up was Alcorn State," James says. "I had an aunt graduate from there and I used to go to Alcorn games with her.

"Returning kicks is just like any other position. The more you do it, the more comfortable you become with it. The whole key is concentration."

"I liked it there. They recruited me a little, but not a lot. I think they felt there was no way I would go there. To be honest, if they'd recruited me more, I probably would've given it serious consideration."

Then there was Mississippi College, a Division II school located in James' hometown of Clinton.

"They didn't recruit me until right at the last second," James says. "I'm not sure why, other than they probably figured that I wanted to go to a bigger school. But I would've really looked at M.C. hard.

"I've thought about what it would've been like playing at home, especially in 1989 (when Mississippi College won the Division II national championship)."

Fortunately for the Bulldogs, neither Alcorn State nor Mississippi College did its homework.

James, a 5–9, 177-pound junior, has few equals as a kick returner. As a freshman, he was third in the SEC in punt returns and sixth in kickoff returns. Then, as a sophomore, James finished first in the SEC and fourth nationally in punt returns, and third in the SEC and 21st nationally in kickoff returns. Two of his punt returns went for touchdowns. He was sixth in the SEC among all-purpose runners in 1990; the five ahead of him have all graduated or turned pro. With two years of eligibility remaining, James needs only 18 yards to become State's career punt return leader.

"I like returning punts better," James says. "The coverage team is coming at you faster than on a kickoff, and that makes it a little easier to put a move on somebody. Plus, kickoff coverage teams can see you the whole way down the field. On punts, they have to not only find me but find the ball, too.

"Returning kicks is just like any other position. The more you do it, the more comfortable you become with it. The whole key is concentration, making sure you catch the ball. You can't allow the defenders running at you to distract you from catching the ball."

Quickness and determination are other important traits of a kick returner, qualities that James also possesses.

James' fastest 40-yard dash time was 4.6 seconds. "But I really think I can run a 4.5," he says. "On the field, during a game, I know I run better than a 4.6. People tell me that (San Francisco 49er receiver) Jerry Rice is like that, that he runs only as fast as he has to."

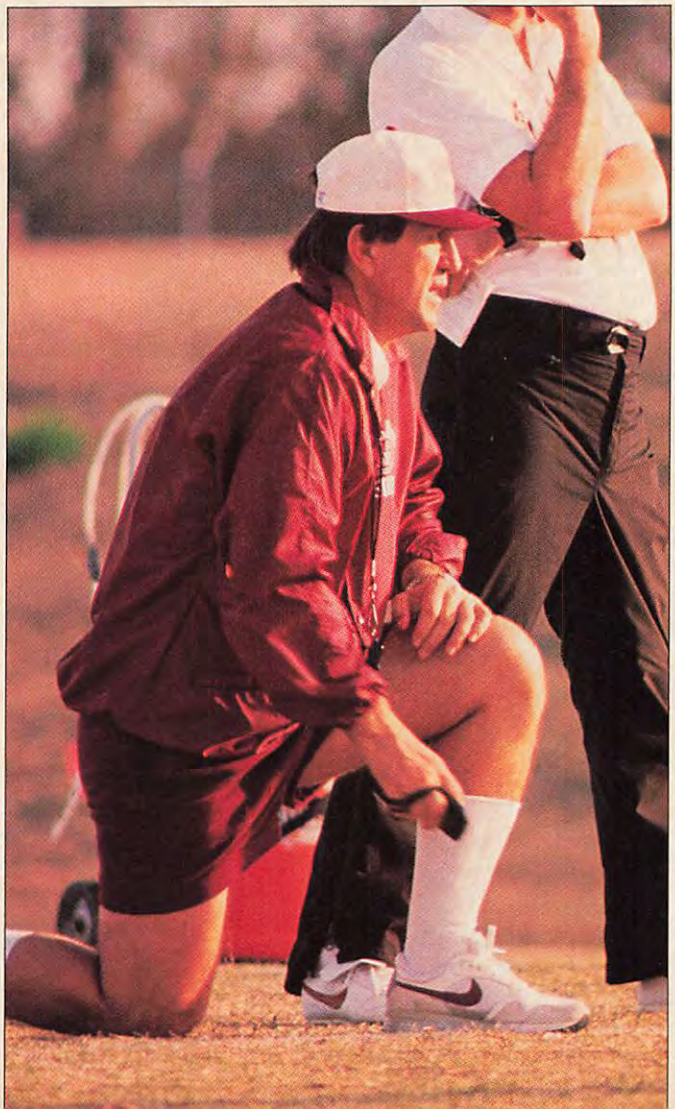
While his speed might be hard to measure, James' determination isn't. That's clear to anyone who cares to watch him in action. The first tackler rarely brings him down. He spins, twists, churns and stretches for extra yardage on every return.

"What I've been able to accomplish has a whole lot to do with effort and determination, what you want to accomplish, what you want out of life," James says. "A lot of times, I just refuse to go down. If you don't want to be tackled,

Give nationally ranked kick returner Tony James a step and he's gone, as his sophomore numbers last season proved.


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New Bulldog Coach Jackie Sherrill (right) was bequeathed seven offensive starters, including tackle John James (above).

then keep moving your feet and do something about it. There's a lot of field out there to work with."

James, the oldest of three children, credits his parents for giving him a blue-collar attitude. "They're the ones I'm playing for," he says. "My mom, my dad and God.

"It's strange, but I even play better when my family is in the stands. It definitely makes a difference."

His mother is a cook at a cafeteria. His father is a church custodian.

"Times were tough growing up," James says. "I knew they were struggling (financially). But somehow we made it, and I am so proud of my parents for the job they did with our family.

"We didn't have a lot of money but we had love in our family. And I sincerely believe love can keep a family together. It did ours.

"I think a lot about how my parents would handle me. They weren't real strict. They showed me things and talked to me instead of beating me all the time."

And now James wants to follow in his parents' footsteps.

"I want to get my degree (in business) and get a good job and be able to run a family," he says. "I don't strive to be rich. Money isn't going to make you live right. Love is the thing that will get you through."

He plans to reside in Clinton, a suburb of Jackson, and be near his parents and grandparents and aunts and uncles and cousins. "That's home," he says. "That's where I'll be happiest."

James has been happy on a football field since the sixth grade.

"I've played sports all my life," he says. "We'd play everything as kids out in the yard: baseball, basketball, football, kickball."

James wanted to play one more thing: "drums in the school band," he says with a laugh. "But then my dad introduced me to YMCA football in the sixth grade. He just asked me if I'd like to play, and I said I'd try it. My mother wanted me to stick to baseball and basketball. To this day, she's still scared when I play football."

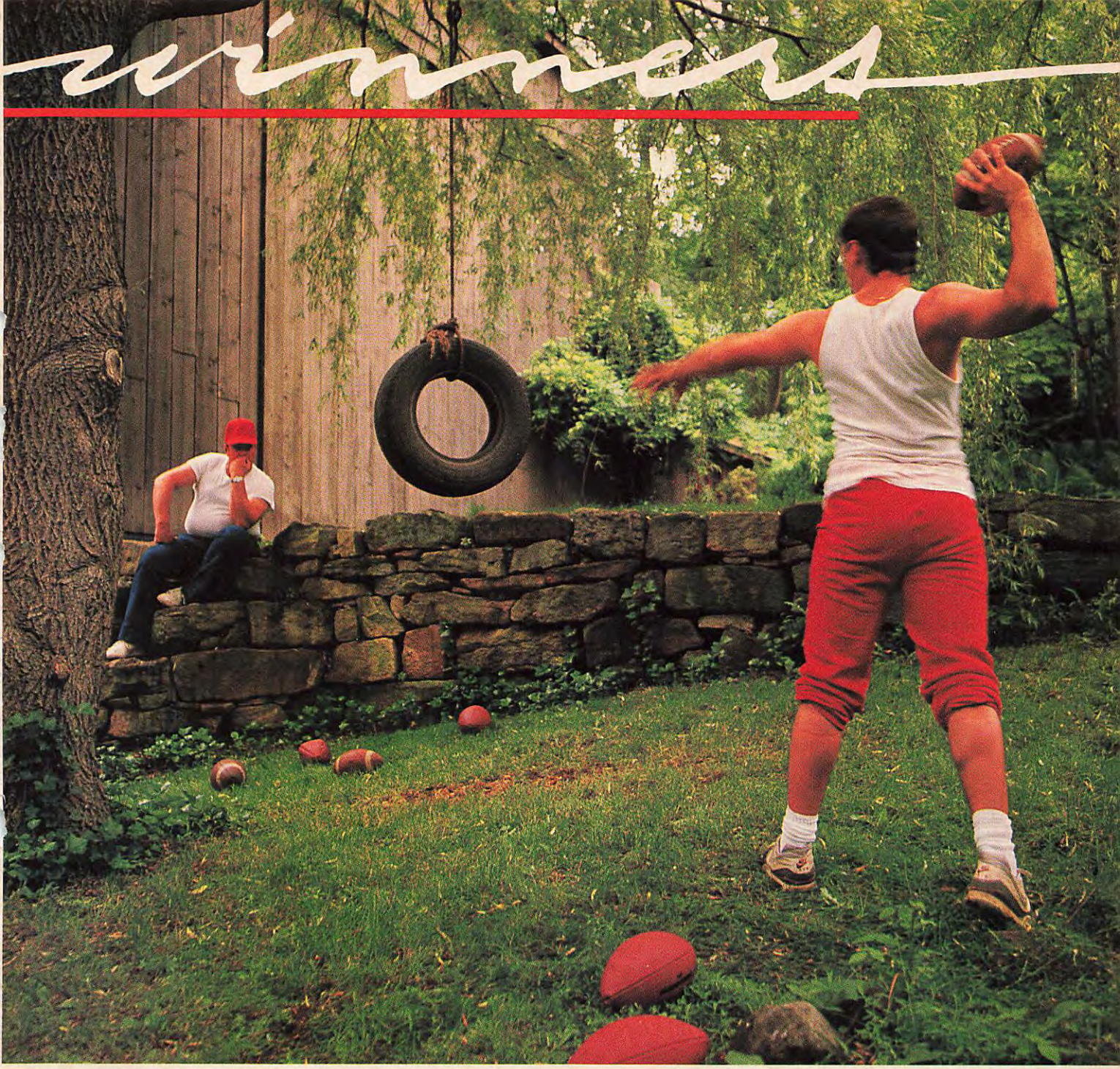
James played running back in the sixth grade and led his team in rushing and scoring.

"That was an important year for me because I found out how much fun football could be," he says. "If that first year hadn't been fun, I probably would've never played again."

In high school, James also lettered in basketball and baseball. "In basketball, I wasn't a real good shooter," he says. "My role was to be the point guard and pass the ball to the open guys. I did that OK."

James didn't play baseball until he was in the eighth grade. "I didn't like it at first because I was striking out a lot," he says.

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The competition is tough . . . quarterback positions aren't given, they are earned. You know what has to be done . . . and you're willing to do it. All that effort and hard work . . . yeh, it will be worth it.

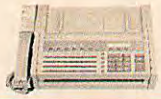
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Bobby Ross: No. 1

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Bobby Ross is this kind of guy:

On the evening of Feb. 26, 1991, when he stood at the podium of the Atlanta Hilton ballroom and received what can be described as the highest honor of his life, his thoughts were on the tiniest bundle of joy of his life, his late granddaughter, Rebecca.

The occasion was the presentation of the Bobby Dodd National Coach of The Year award. It had been a good year, a redemptive year for Ross, who guided Georgia Tech to an 11–0–1 record and the national championship as voted by his coaching peers (United Press International), *Athlon*, Scripps Howard News Service and *The Sporting News*.

The night was also special because of the name on the trophy, Bobby Dodd, Georgia Tech's winningest coach and a bona fide football legend.

Said Ross: "This award is so very special to me because of my relationship with Coach Dodd and what he stood for here and what he meant to the people here at Georgia Tech. I got to know him well in my first year here, and I will always cherish that opportunity."

For Ross, this was an emotional night, and he shared it by remembering those closest to him: his mother, Martha, 80, who had just suffered her second stroke; his father, Leonard A. Ross, who had open heart surgery in the spring of '90; and the apple of his eye, tiny Rebecca Louise Ross, 15 months old when she died of heart transplant rejection on March 4, 1990.

On the spur of the moment, Ross announced he was dedicating Georgia Tech's championship year to little Rebecca, daughter of oldest son Chris, an Air Force pilot, and wife Deann.

"I don't want to get melodramatic about it," Ross said. "Rebecca was a special little person in my life, and I just decided I wanted to do this. I have her picture in my office, and every time I look at it, I remember what a fighter she was. And that makes me promise myself that I'm going to be a fighter, too."

So emotionally charged was the evening that there was hardly a dry eye in the huge ballroom.

No one would ever replace Rebecca, but Ross said he was pleased that Chris and Deann had become parents of their third child, Timothy Daniel, that very week.

Whether intentional or not, only a football coach would see the connection.

"T.D.," Ross said, "I'm going to call him T.D. Ross."

That evening tells you something about Bobby Ross. If you're looking for the Renaissance man, forget it. Ross is as traditional as grandma's apple pie and hot dogs at the county fair, as patriotic as a graduate of Virginia Military Institute and former Army officer could be. And the line goes on. Sons Chris and Kevin are graduates of the Air Force and Naval Academies respectively. The youngest, Robbie, enters Georgia Tech this fall. Daughters Mary Catherine and Teresa are college graduates.

Family, honor and the old virtues are not out of style to Ross.

As he sat there at the head table of the Hilton ballroom and heard others say nice things about him, Ross' mind had to flash back to the wide range of problems that had beset him during the past three years.

This, indeed, was the top of the mountain. But he'd been there before when his University of Maryland teams won three straight Atlantic Coast Conference championships. He was not just some itinerant coach that Georgia Tech Athletic Director Homer Rice picked off the streets to replace Bill Curry in 1987. He had a track record and a national reputation.

Conversely, Ross also had been to the depths of the valley.

At Maryland, his fortunes turned sour. His start at Georgia Tech was anything but auspicious: 2–9, 3–8, 7–4 before 11–0–1 and the national championship. The Jackets went 5–20 in their first 25 games under Ross before going 18–1–1 in their last 20.

He was not the most welcome sight when he came to Tech.

With his military background and emphasis on discipline and hard work, he brought a drastic change in style to a team accustomed to the laid-back ways of Curry, a player's coach. Ross looked into players' faces and saw indifference and downright defiance.

Guard Joe Siffri recalled Ross' beginning in an Oct. 12, 1990, *Atlanta Journal and Constitution* interview.

"I probably was one of his worst enemies when he first got here," Siffri said. "I rebelled against everything he said. Me and a couple of guys, we missed meetings, skipped workouts. I guess we were just testing him. We figured if we couldn't have our own coach, one we came to play for, we'd get him to do things (Curry's) way."

Siffri offered his analysis of the difference in the two coaches.

"Coach Ross has a schedule. You play good, you play bad, you stick to a schedule. He's more disciplined because of his military background.

"Coach Curry, you look at him, a tall, good-looking fellow. Great speaker. We'd sit in meetings in awe of him. Coach Ross, he's a good speaker but not a great inspiration."

That entire beginning in 1987 was a fast-forward sort of situation. Curry resigned to accept the head coaching job at Alabama, and Rice wasted no time in hiring Ross away from the Buffalo Bills, who had offered him a position after he left Maryland.

Ross had two urgent priorities: He had to hire a staff and he had to recruit. Either way, he started from ground zero in January 1987, shortly before spring practice.

"I'm not going to panic and pick coaches just to fill the positions," he said at the time. "It is important that I get the right people."

He got the right people. The keys were offensive coordinator Ralph Friedgen, who came from the Maryland staff, and defensive coordinator George O'Leary, who came from Syracuse.

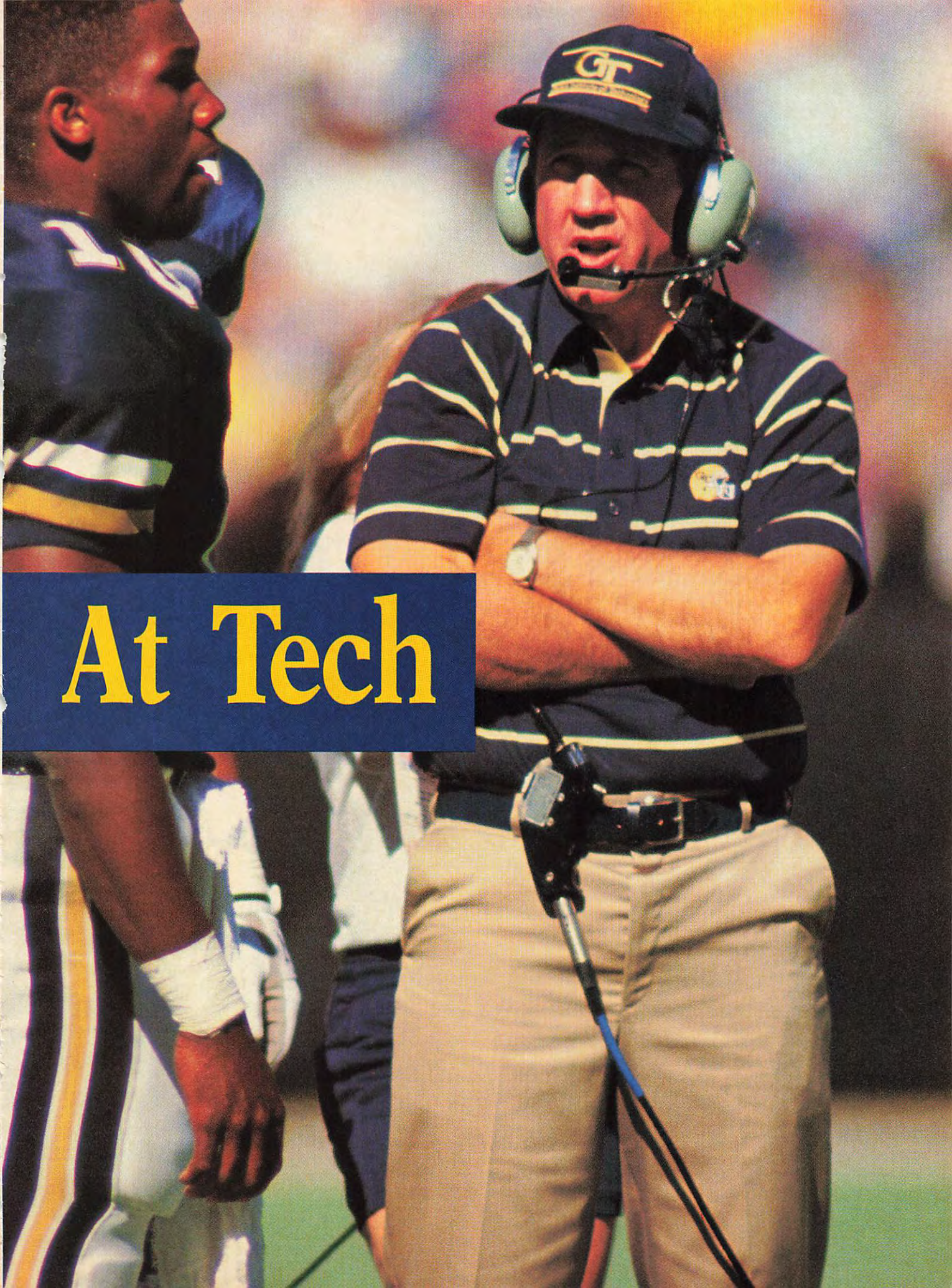
At the 11th hour, Friedgen and O'Leary had to get on the recruiting trail.

Friedgen remembers.

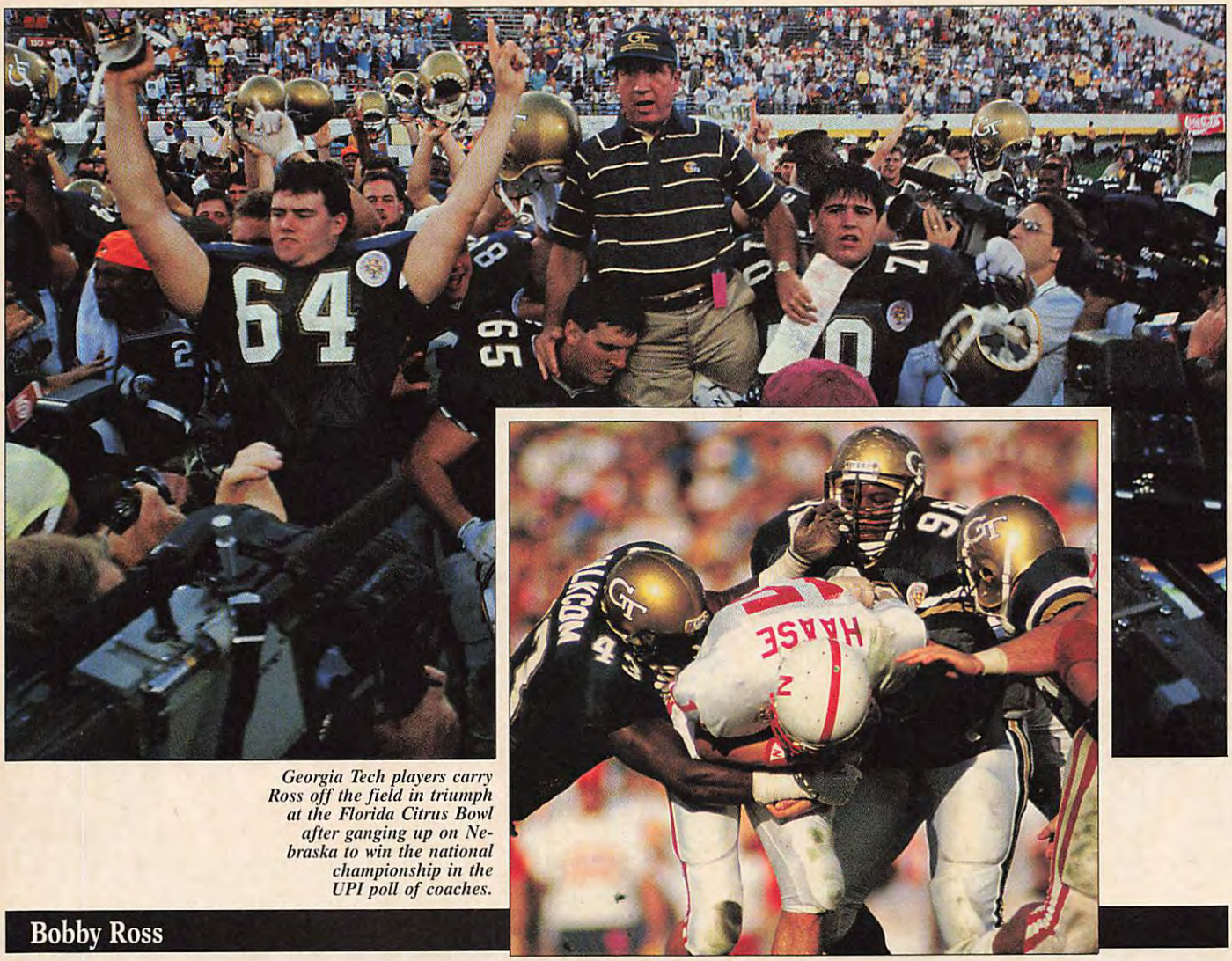
"That first year we probably ruffled some feathers going after kids we had known from other schools," he says. "We had no lists. We only had lists we knew from other staffs. But I'll say one thing. We got good mileage. Of the 13 scholarships we gave, one transferred, and the other 12 are still here."

The two wins in 1987 were over relative lightweights, The Citadel and Indiana State.

The defeats by Duke (48–14) and Wake



At Tech



Georgia Tech players carry Ross off the field in triumph at the Florida Citrus Bowl after ganging up on Nebraska to win the national championship in the UPI poll of coaches.

Bobby Ross

Forest (33–6) hurt the most. They almost drove Ross out of coaching.

When Ross' wife, Alice, came to pick him up after the Wake Forest game, he told her to go on home and he'd be there later. Then he got into another car and began driving around Atlanta, stopping at one shopping mall, then another and everywhere loading up on double-vanilla ice cream cones.

"I was looking and trying to find something positive," Ross says. "I had not seen the good in what happened, and frankly, there wasn't much good that happened. As time went on, I began to see some positive things, and by the time I got home I felt better about the situation."

You get up, brush yourself off and start over again.

This first major crisis on The Flats, as the Georgia Tech campus is known, also brought out the best in Ross' coaching staff.

"We all got busy and talked Coach Ross into staying," says Friedgen. "We've all felt that way at one time or another."

"It's not that we didn't play any good games that year," says Ross. "We did. We led a top-ranked Auburn team for a half before losing, and after the Wake Forest game, we rebounded to give a strong effort against Georgia. So there were some good moments."

And there were some positive moments that the general public was not aware of.

One involved Dodd, the legend-in-residence, the school's winningest coach (165–64–8), an innovator with an uncanny feel for the game and perhaps the best sideline coach in football history. Tech people still talked about his bowl record (nine wins in 13 trips), 31-game unbeaten streak and national championship (International News Service) in 1952. Before anyone ever heard of Norman Vincent Peale, Dodd was preaching positive thinking.

"If you think you're lucky, you will be," he used to say.

After his retirement, Dodd spent his time at Bitsy Grant Tennis Center playing tennis and checkers with the residing legend, Bitsy Grant. They were a couple of fierce competitors who fussed and argued over every move and drop shot.

It was at Grant Center that Ned West, retired sports information director, ran into Dodd shortly after Ross was named to the Tech job.

"I see we have a new coach," said West. "What do you think of him?"

"Ned," replied Dodd in his East Tennessee drawl, "I can't say now. Ask me after three or four games."

Four games later, with the Jackets 1–3 and sinking, West encountered Dodd at the stadium and once more approached him.

"Things don't look good, Coach," said West. "What do you think?"

West was surprised by Dodd's chipper demeanor.

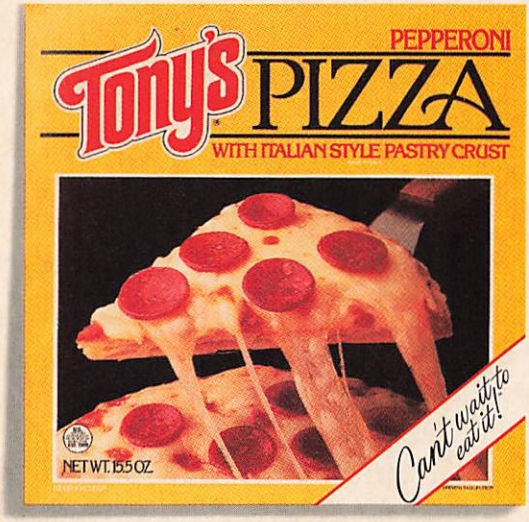
"We've got the right man," Dodd said. "Ross is sound and he's a class person. Winning will come."

Sadly, Dodd didn't live to witness the wisdom of his prophecy. When Dodd died on June 21, 1988, after a long bout with prostate cancer, Ross was still 2–9. Less than three years later, Ross would receive the Bobby Dodd Coach of The Year award. And he would become the only Tech coach besides Dodd, William Alexander and John Heisman to earn a national championship trophy.

At almost the precise moment that West and Dodd were chatting in the stadium, a revealing meeting was taking place in one of the varsity club's recruiting rooms.

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★ MORE THAN A QUARTER BACK ★

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Some blue-chip high school prospects were in for a visit, and Ross had asked former quarterback Kim King and Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young to do a selling job on them. Such a meeting would be against NCAA regulations today, but at that time it was perfectly legal and proper.

King was one of those role models coaches love to show to prospects. He had all the credentials: an all-star quarterback who had set school passing records; a member of the school athletic Hall of Fame; solid businessman with interests in real estate, cable TV and radio stations; color analyst on a football network; past president of the Georgia Tech Atlanta Alumni Association; and current co-chairman of the Stadium Renovation Committee. He has worked hard to be the best that he could.

In retrospect, says King, that was a very revealing meeting.

"Coach Ross had called Andy and me to talk to the players," remembers King. "I gave my usual terrible talk and Andy gave one of his stem-winders about football, quality of life in Atlanta, scholastics and all that.

"We had barely finished when Coach Ross jumped out of his seat, dashed to the front of the room and snapped, 'What those guys didn't tell you is that here at Georgia Tech we want to win the national championship, and we want you to be part of it.'

"Frankly, at the time I thought what Coach Ross said was a bit of wishful thinking. As I look back, I realize that even with those problems at the start he always had the conviction Tech could make it to the top."

The 1987 start was a near disaster. On paper, 1988 was only marginally better, 3–8 to 2–9, but miles and miles more advanced in organization, effort and purpose. There were the wins over Tennessee-Chattanooga and VMI, but something new added: a stunning 34–0 shutout of a highly rated South Carolina team.

The defense had begun coming along in '88. It is not that simple with the offense. This unit takes a little more time. As '89 rolled around, Ross felt he had made progress on the offensive side of the ball.

"At this point, I see us better at every position on offense," he said during the spring of '89. "At quarterback the talent base is there, but we need experience. We need to settle on one quarterback."

As things turned out, he did. He settled on redshirt freshman Shawn Jones, a major but raw talent. With the combination of Jones and Jerry Mays in the backfield, the Jackets at long last had a striking unit to compete.

No one panicked when the Jackets lost their first three games, on the road at North Carolina State and South Carolina, and at home to Virginia.

"But we could see we were getting there," Ross says. "In our fourth game, we beat Maryland (28–24) at home for our first ACC win, then we went up to Clemson and beat them in a real confidence-builder (30–14)."

Jones was beginning to exert himself and become a force in the ACC. The next week, against North Carolina, he turned a broken play into a winning 30-yard touchdown run in the last minute to provide the difference in a 17–14 game.

The next game was against Duke at Durham. Remember the date: Oct. 28, 1989, almost two years to the day after the Great Humiliation.

It would be justice, poetic or whatever, to say that Georgia Tech reversed the old score, but it didn't happen. Instead, Duke, under lame duck Coach Steve Spurrier, won 30–19. The date is significant in that it was the last time Georgia Tech lost a game on its arduous journey to the national championship.

There was one tie last season, 13–13 with North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Although this game was held against Tech in The Associated Press football poll, it shouldn't have. The Tar Heels had one of the better defenses in the country, and yet the Jackets did everything but score, gaining more than 400 yards in total offense.

There were three key wins during the historic 1990 season:

- Oct. 13, Clemson at Bobby Dodd Stadium. The 18th-ranked Jackets took advantage of breaks and an 87-yard kickoff return by sophomore walk-on Kevin Tisdel to beat 15th-ranked Clemson 21–19.
- Nov. 3, Virginia at Charlottesville. By the process of elimination, and the fall from grace of such teams as Notre Dame, Miami, Colorado, Florida State and others, Virginia went into this one as the No. 1 team in the land and reportedly a shoo-in for the national championship. Jones and Cavalier quarterback Shawn Moore staged a fierce duel, but it was all decided by Scott Sisson's 37-yard field goal with seven seconds on the clock. Tech won 41–38.
- Jan. 1, 1991, Nebraska in the Florida Citrus Bowl. This was it. Experts said Tech had to beat Nebraska and Colorado had to lose to Notre Dame in the Federal Express Orange Bowl for the Jackets to win the AP national title. Colorado had lost once and tied once, and had been saved from a second defeat by the generosity of faulty officiating that gave the Buffaloes a fifth down at the Missouri 1-yard line. Colorado scored on that illegal down and the game went into the record books.

Georgia Tech convincingly whipped Nebraska 45–21 and Colorado squeaked by the Irish 10–9, and the national championship was split down the middle. AP gave it to the Buffaloes, and UPI gave it to Georgia Tech.

Just as he had done when Tech was 5–20, Ross kept a level head, reacting to success with class.

"I'm still the same person and the same coach I was when we were losing," he says. "I'm not one to go waving flags and be upset because a wire service doesn't vote us No. 1. I never thought much about polls and don't get upset about them. You can't let it be a distraction. On the other hand, I will say that we had an unbeaten season and certainly were deserving of being No. 1.

"If I had to describe our team, I'd say it is the type of team that is committed to playing good football. We don't have the best talent nor are we the best-coached team, but when we get focused, we can play with anyone."

What about this Bobby Ross? What kind of guy is he?

"I'll tell you one thing," says King. "He won't change. The thing about Ross is his conviction and intensity, his absolute and total dedication to football. That first spring he was here I got a little concerned. He was so intense and focused. So one day I went up to him and said, 'Coach, you ought to find time to unwind, fish, play golf or whatever.'

"You know what he said? He said, 'You know what I like to do? I like to come down to the office on a quiet Saturday morning during the off-season, bring a peanut butter and jelly sandwich in a brown bag, and watch football film all day, without interruption. Football is my hobby.'

"That's the kind of guy he is. He does jog, but he prefers to jog alone, because that's when he can think things through for himself."

Another thing about Ross: He's intensely loyal to his coaching staff.

"It's been sort of a tough time," says Friedgen, "coming out of one rough situation into another. It wears on you a little. The fact that we have maintained the majority of our staff is a tribute to Coach Ross. Charlie Rizzo quit to go into business and Jimmy Robinson left to join the Atlanta Falcons; otherwise, we're all here.

"Normally, when you have the kind of start we had, when things go bad, one of two things happen: You get fired or you leave. I think that showed the loyalty of Coach Ross to his staff and of the staff to Coach Ross."

Something else Ross is, he's the type of coach that Rice thought he was when he hired him.

Says Rice: "Even in '89 when we started out with three straight losses, I knew this was going to work out. I could see methodically what he was doing. It was like the military when they take you down to 'zero' and build you back the right way.

"As far as I'm concerned, Bobby Ross will be here for the rest of his life." ■



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"But I kept working hard and I got better and better."

James improved so much that some baseball recruiters showed interest his senior season.

"I hadn't made up my mind (which sport I would play) totally," he says. "But everybody expected me to play football in college. And the main reason I played baseball in high school was just to prove that I could do it. I miss baseball now, though."

James says sports played an important role in shaping his life.

"They helped me understand that I could make something of my life instead of being on the streets, getting into drugs," he says. "I know some guys who were really good athletes, but they just started running with the wrong people.

"Same thing could've happened to me. When I was in the 10th grade, I started hanging around some guys I shouldn't have. Gangs had gotten bad all over town, and they wanted me to hang out with them. But I didn't stay with them long. Sports kept me pretty busy."

James would like to be even busier. He wants to be more involved in Mississippi State's offense. Last season, he touched the ball only 32 times from scrimmage. He caught 18 passes for 231 yards and rushed 14 times for 77 yards.

"This year I think you'll see me playing some running back and some wide receiver," James says. "I think I'd like that. I'd like to help the offense a little more than I have in the past. I like returning kicks, but I don't feel that's all I can do."

While many eyes will be cast on James this fall, even more will be watching Coach Jackie Sherrill, who takes over for Rockey Felker. Felker was 21–34 in five seasons, including last year's 5–6 record. He resigned under pressure.

Sherrill, 47, is 105–45–2 in 13 seasons at Washington State, Pittsburgh and Texas A&M. He has taken teams to eight bowl appearances.

James feels the coach is already leading the Bulldogs in the right direction.

"We're hitting the weights a lot harder," James says. "Everybody is getting bigger and stronger, especially the linemen. That's one thing Coach Sherrill wants: big linemen."

Sherrill inherits a team that has seven offensive and five defensive starters returning.

Offensively, Mississippi State ranked ninth in the league in yards gained and eighth in points last season. The Bulldogs failed to score more than 16 points in six games.

Tackle John James (6–3, 281), guard Lee Ford (5–11, 278), center Byron Jordan (6–2, 260), all juniors, and senior tackle Kenny Stewart (6–4, 298) give the Bulldogs experience along the line. Sophomore Bill Sartin (6–2, 283) is expected to step in at the other guard.

Juniors Tay Galloway and Kenny Roberts return at tailback. Roberts gained 523 yards on 93 carries to lead the team a year ago. Galloway had 510 yards on 143 carries. No experienced fullback returns.

Tight end Treddis Anderson (6–1, 228), who was second on the team in receptions in 1990 with 25 for 252 yards, is back for his senior season. Senior Chris Firle, who caught 17 passes for 224 yards, and junior Willie Harris, who had 13 receptions for 245 yards, return at wide receiver.

The biggest question mark is at quarterback. Gone is Tony Shell, who ranked ninth in the league in passing efficiency in '90. Junior William Robinson finished the season No. 2. Todd Jordan, a 6–3, 218-pound sophomore, was redshirted. But many expect junior Greg Plump to win the job.



If Kenny Roberts carries on like he did last season (5.6-yard average), Sherrill will be happy.

Defensively, five starters return from a unit that ranked eighth overall in the SEC: junior outside linebacker Torrance Brown (6–2, 222), junior inside linebacker Daniel Boyd (6–0, 228), junior outside linebacker Marc Woodard (6–1, 227), senior free safety Lance Aldridge and senior right cornerback Lee Lipscomb.

Expected to challenge for starting positions are junior Rodney Stowers (6–2, 276) at left end, senior Nate Williams (6–3, 270) at nose guard, sophomore Juan Long (6–2, 230) at inside linebacker and sophomore Tommy Morrell at cornerback. The search will continue in preseason practice for someone to take over at strong safety.

Junior Chris Gardner is expected to step in for Joel Logan as the placekicker. Senior punter Mike Riley returns after finishing fourth in the league a year ago with a 40.9-yard average.

The schedule is again tough. Tennessee, Auburn, Alabama and Louisiana State will be played on the road. In an effort to improve his season-ticket package, Athletic Director Larry Templeton moved the Ole Miss game out of Jackson, where it had been played annually since 1973, to Starkville. The Bulldogs must also face Texas in a non-conference game.

Only three members of Sherrill's staff are holdovers: Bill Clay (defensive coordinator), Jim Tompkins (inside linebackers) and Rick Trickett (offensive line). Newcomers are Ricky Black (tight ends), former Vanderbilt Coach Watson Brown (offensive coordinator), Rick Christophel (receivers), Jim Helms (assistant head coach-running backs) and Pete Jenkins (defensive line). ■

AUBURN

When Auburn began fall practice a year ago trying to find a replacement for Reggie Slack, Coach Pat Dye said he was "not sure who our quarterback will be."

Now, despite a somewhat disappointing 8–3–1 record, Dye has no doubts who the Tigers' signal-caller will be for the next three years—unless the NFL beckons.

Stan White, a 6–2, 194-pound sophomore, began his career by completing 21 of 35 passes for 324 yards and a school record-tying four touchdowns in a 38–17 victory over Cal State Fullerton.

"He showed a lot of composure," quarterback coach Pat Sullivan says. "Sure, he made some mistakes, but he did a bunch of good things, too. He didn't throw an interception or even really come close to throwing one. That tells me he was reading things the right way. He wasn't throwing into places where he shouldn't have."

The opposition was a little tougher the following week, but White was 16 of 31 for 208 yards and a touchdown in a 24–10 win over Ole Miss.

"He showed a lot of composure," quarterback coach Pat Sullivan says. "Sure, he made some mistakes, but he did a bunch of good things, too."

"I had a player wide-open and overthrew him," White says. "I was inconsistent when receivers were open. There were a lot of tipped balls. It was good to get that game under my belt. I learned from it."

The Tigers had an open date to study Tennessee, which came down the road two weeks later. White passed that test with flying colors. He rallied Auburn from a 26–9 fourth-quarter deficit to a 26–26 tie, completing 30 of 58 passes for 338 yards and three touchdowns, two on fourth-down plays.

"He's real smart," former Tennessee linebacker Dewayne Dotson said. "He picked up on what we were doing in the second half. He made the adjustments at the line."

Against Louisiana Tech, White threw for 272 yards and completed eight of 10 passes to set up a last-gasp, game-winning field goal. He played less than two quarters in a 56–6 rout of Vanderbilt and threw for 133 yards.

He was only 12 of 28 for 97 yards and three interceptions against Florida State but threw a fourth-down 22-yard completion to set up another late game-winning field goal.

"Coach Sullivan has been telling me I may try to force too many passes," White says.

When Auburn squeaked past Mississippi State 17–16, the Tigers were 6–0–1 and White was 128 of 229 for 1,596 yards and 11 touchdowns, with seven interceptions. But the last four games of the regular season proved to be another hard-learned lesson. The Tigers dropped three of those games, and White was only 52 of 109 for 646 yards and three touchdowns, with seven more interceptions.

Nevertheless, by throwing for 2,242 yards—the second-best single-season performance in Auburn history, bettered only by Sullivan himself with 2,586 in 1970—White moved into sixth place on Auburn's career passing list. His debut surpassed not only Sullivan's first year (1,686 yards in 1969) but also his Heisman Trophy campaign (2,012 in 1971). White set school records for pass attempts with 338 (Sullivan had 281 in 1970) and completions with 180 (Jeff Burger had 178 in 1987).

White wound up his redshirt freshman season by throwing for 351 yards and a touchdown, and scoring twice in the Peach Bowl, where his 1-yard bootleg on fourth down with 39 seconds left gave Auburn a 27–23 victory over Indiana.

"You have to admire the way he's handled the successes and the disappointments," Sullivan says. "He's handled it all in a class way."

That comes from White's upbringing.

True, Stan White was intercepted too often, but, as a freshman, he did set school records; all he needs is consistency.


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Linebacker Darrel Crawford bends to his work with a vengeance: 119 tackles last season.

"In high school (Berry High in Birmingham), my parents would always say, 'What have you done? You haven't done anything special so don't even think you're ahead of anybody else,' " White says. "During recruiting, my dad would tell the coaches, 'Look, we don't think Stan is all that he's made out to be, so don't expect a lot out of him. He had his team 100 percent behind him, and they did just as much as he did.' That's why I started believing that, too. My team comes before anybody, even myself."

White's triumphs and trials were a microcosm of Auburn's season.

"Stan started the year doing miraculous things for a freshman," Dye says. "But as an offensive football team, it seemed that we regressed rather than improved. And the quarterback always takes more than his fair share of criticism.

"We knew we were playing a young quarterback, but we did enough things offensively in the first few games to encourage us and make us think we had a chance to have a solid offensive football team.

"As the season went along, though, we were not consistent and we did not play the type of error-free football you have to play in this conference to win the big games. We had some injuries, but the offense was kind of like the defense—it didn't live up to our standards."

Which raises the question: Just what are those standards? Auburn's main concern in the spring was rediscovering and redefining what Dye calls the Auburn way of playing football, i.e., an attitude and an intangible he feels was missing in the 1990 team. The Tigers managed only the fourth-best record in the Southeastern Conference after three straight championships.

"A hard-nosed approach, playing good defense," says Dye, explaining the Auburn way. "A lot of people think we are a running football team, which I hope we are, but we've been pretty successful throwing the football down through the years."

When Auburn lost a full-time assistant coach for the first time in six years (receivers

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coach Larry Blakeney took the head coaching job at Troy State), Dye hired Tommy Bowden, Kentucky's offensive coordinator, and gave him the same title. Auburn hadn't had an offensive coordinator since Jack Crowe left following the 1985 season. Sullivan has been calling the plays. It will be interesting to see how he and Bowden interact.

Bowden, son of Florida State Coach Bobby Bowden, is at his third SEC school in as many seasons, having coached the wide receivers at Alabama in 1989. It's his second tour of duty at Auburn, where he coached the running backs in 1979 under Doug Barfield.

Tommy favors his father's offensive philosophy, using the pass to set up the run rather than the more traditional scheme of establishing the running game first.

"Daddy uses a tailback-oriented, split-back formation, and he'll throw the ball from anywhere on the field at any time, with one yard going in or 99 yards going out," Tommy says. "It doesn't make any difference."

The Tigers will have some different looks on both sides of the ball. Says Dye: "The new offense we are putting in won't be totally new. We will be doing some of the same things, but we will be doing them a bit differently. The new offense will be a combination of I-backs and split-backs. Probably the biggest change is the fact that we are going to run out of the shotgun formation some."

Auburn returns 53 of 76 lettermen and 11 starters, five on offense and six on defense. The Tigers lost two running backs, two wide receivers and two linemen on offense, along with two linemen and three backs on defense. Developing depth will be especially critical on the defensive line and in the secondary. Auburn lost four of its six players in the defensive line rotation and four defensive backs.

Second-string quarterback Frank McIntosh is gone, leaving untested juniors Corey Lewis and Richard Hanna as White's backups. At the running back spots, the Tigers "have some numbers now," according to Dye, despite the loss of Stacy Danley and James Joseph. "I hope somebody will surface as a great player. Several guys have shown they have the ability to play. (Junior) Darrell Williams, (sophomore) Tony Richardson, (sophomore) Reid McMilion and (senior) Alex Smith have played, along with (freshmen) Otis Mounds and Joe Frazier, who were redshirted last year. We have four or five players we signed who could enter into it."

The top candidates for the vacant wide receiver spots are seniors Herbert Casey and Dale Overton, juniors Pedro Cherry and Tony Russell, and redshirt freshman Thomas Bailey. Casey was the team's second-leading receiver with 25 catches for 439 yards and two touchdowns while Cherry got a starting assignment in the Peach Bowl. Tight end

should be a strong position with senior Victor Hall (6–3, 228), backed by junior Fred Baxter (6–4, 225) and sophomore Jess Simpson (6–1, 240).

The interior line lost a pair of standouts in All-America guard Ed King, who left early for the NFL, and all-conference tackle Rob Selby. Returning are junior tackle Chris Gray (6–4, 245), senior center Bob Meeks (6–2, 279) and the alternating guard tandem of junior Tim Tillman (6–2, 258) and senior Eddie Blake (6–4, 310).

Contesting for the vacancies are sophomores Wayne Gandy (6–4, 266) and Anthony Redmon (6–4, 263) and redshirt freshmen Clifford Chatman (6–5, 275) and Brian Osborn (6–6, 275) at tackle, and sophomores Chris Sears (6–3, 257) and Jon Helton (6–3, 258) and redshirt freshman Chris Holland (6–5, 230) at guard. Center is a deep position with sophomores Greg Thompson (6–2, 237) and Dennis Deason (6–1, 250), and redshirt freshman Todd Boland (6–4, 240) behind Meeks.

On defense, Auburn may switch from a 5–2 to a basic 4–3 alignment.

"We're looking at changing our defensive personality a little bit," Dye says. "We need to be a more aggressive, penetrating-type defense that will be able to create a better pass rush and still be able to stop the run.

"I'm not sure we will have outside linebackers. We will have two outside rush people and two inside down linemen, three linebackers, which will be a change for us, and four folks in the secondary.

"We can't really say who is going to end up where. There will be some changes. We have to take some outside linebackers and move them inside and then take some down linemen and move them outside."

Junior Walter Tate (6–2, 306), second-team All-SEC, and seniors Jon Wilson (6–6, 257) and Richard Shea (6–4, 243) all had starts on the defensive line last year, but All-American David Rocker is gone, along with Lamar Rogers, Fernando Horn and Mike Campbell. Wilson may wind up outside while three 1990 redshirts—juniors Tim Cromartie (6–2, 267) and Chuckie Johnson (6–3, 282) and sophomore Anthony Abrams (6–4, 271)—also are in the picture.

Dye isn't certain what will become of last year's outside linebackers. Senior Reggie Barlow (6–4, 231) and sophomore Jason Merchant (6–3, 222) were the regulars at the end of the season. Juniors Ricky Sutton (6–3, 250), Larry Young (6–4, 210) and Bennie Pierce (6–1, 233) all started some.

The inside linebackers feature true sophomore James Willis (6–3, 225), who didn't become a starter until the second half of the season but led the team with 122 tackles and was named co-SEC Freshman of the Year. Dye calls Willis "the best freshman linebacker we've brought in since I've been here." However, Willis is coming off knee surgery.

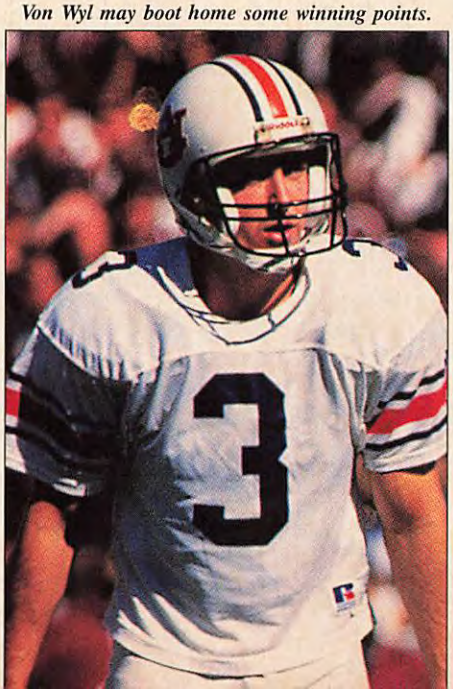


James Willis (51) grabbed the attention of opponents with a team-leading 122 tackles in '90.

Senior Darrel Crawford (6–2, 226) started most of the time at the other inside spot. Senior Anthony Judge (6–0, 231) and juniors Al Nash (6–0, 220) and Karekin Cunningham (6–0, 230) are experienced. Sophomore Ace Atkins (6–2, 231) is another candidate.

Despite the loss of three starters, the secondary is pretty well set. Start with all-star senior Corey Barlow at one corner. Sophomore Mike Pina may take over at the other, backed by redshirt freshman Fred Smith. Seniors Alex Thomas and Frankie Stankunas, and junior Clarence Morton are available for the safety positions.

Von Wyl may boot home some winning points.



Senior Jim Von Wyl, whose school-record 17 field goals (in 22 tries) included two game-winners in the final seconds, is back. The punting job is wide-open, but Dye recruited Matt Hawkins, who averaged 42 yards as a junior and 49 as a senior at Pensacola (Fla.) Washington.

"Of all the parts of our football team last year, the kicking game has to stand out in my mind as the biggest problem," Dye says. "We are going to work extremely hard on the kicking game."

The schedule also may cause Dye some sleepless nights. After opening with Division I-AA national champion Georgia Southern (a late replacement for Florida State), the Tigers face Ole Miss, Texas, Tennessee and Southern Mississippi, bowl teams all, in consecutive weeks, with the middle two games on the road. The second half of the schedule includes Florida, Georgia and Alabama.

"We will have to be good early, and we will have to be good every time we go out there if we are going to have a chance for the kind of season we would like to have," Dye warns.

"When people watch us play, I want them to say, 'That's what I remember Auburn football being all about.' I don't think they could say that last year.

"I want us to get back to being an Auburn-type football team." ■

GEORGIA

How 'Bout Them Puppies!

Say what? Yeah, you're right, it should be, How 'Bout Them Dawgs! But in 1990, Them Dawgs were Georgia's youngest team in 27 years and included 12 true freshmen who played, with seven actually starting at one time or another. Thus, they were more like little lost pups than snarling bulldogs.

The inexperience, combined with a barrage of injuries that claimed, among others, nine defensive linemen at one time or another, saddled Georgia with a 4–7 record. It was the Bulldogs' first losing season since 1977 and only the second since 1963. It also was the first time since 1949 that Georgia failed to win a game on the road.

Depth and experience are starting to show up. Georgia will try to make amends for 1990 with 18 returning starters, eight on offense and 10 on defense.

It was enough to make Uga, Georgia's English bulldog mascot, say, "Ugh!"

In the wake of that last down year (5–6) of 1977, however, came the Wonderdogs of 1978 who rebounded to a 9–2–1 record and a trip to the Bluebonnet Bowl. By 1980, Georgia was unbeaten and the national champion.

The 1991 Dawgs still will be young—they lost only 11 of 65 lettermen—but depth and experience are starting to show up. Georgia will try to make amends for 1990 with 18 returning starters, eight on offense and 10 on defense, plus several others who started during the season. Adding more experience are a number of players who missed all or most of 1990.

Leadership is ultraimportant with a youthful team, and one of the seniors who knows about battling back from adversity is offensive lineman LeMonte Tellis (6–4, 284). He came back from a serious 1988 knee injury (he missed all of 1989) to help solidify the forward wall last season.

Tellis got playing time at tackle as a true freshman in 1987. And he started five games in 1988 when . . .

"I was playing guard at the time, so I did a lot of cutting on linebackers," Tellis says. "I planted on my left knee to hit the flank-side linebacker. At the time I planted, my knee just twisted. I snapped some ligaments and tore some cartilage.

"When it first happened, it hurt bad. I fell to the ground, yelled and grabbed my knee. I tried to get up and I realized that I couldn't."

For the next three weeks, Tellis tried to reduce the swelling and get some strength back in the knee. It didn't work.

"The doctors were hoping the hamstring would be strong enough to hold my knee in place," he says. "But I could be standing at my closet, and my knee would slip out from underneath me. I had to go ahead and get an operation."

So Tellis began the torturous process known to hundreds of football players as rehabilitation.

"I told (Coach) Ray Goff I would be ready (for the 1989 campaign), but when the time came, my knee wasn't testing out right on the Cybex."

It wasn't until midway through the 1989 season that Tellis' knee graded out at 90 percent on the Cybex machine.

"Coach Goff and Coach (Joe) Hollis (then Georgia's offensive line coach) were great," Tellis says. "They were always there to support me. At the time, it was better to redshirt me than play me for four games and waste a whole season."

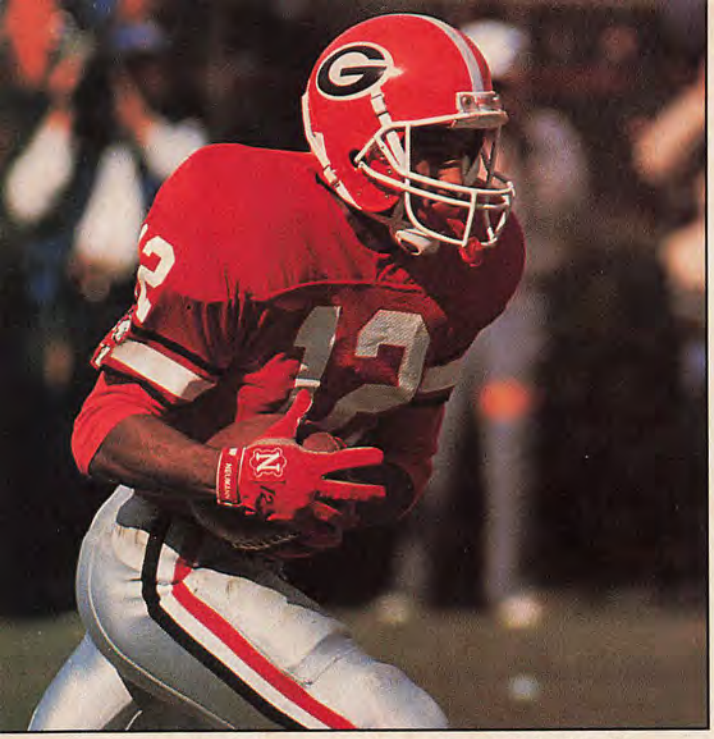
The rehab process made two-a-days seem like child's play. And with it came the emotional ups and downs.

"I had to get up at 7 and go to rehab," Tellis recalls. "Then I had to go to class. Then I had to go to practice and work out to keep my upper body in shape. Then I would go either to the swimming pool or go running.

"I tested for the Cybex three or four times. Each time I tested I was really

Georgia offensive tackle LeMonte Tellis' action herein could have been held against him.





Arthur Marshall wants to take up where he left off in '89.



Inside linebacker DeWayne Simmons has all-star potential.

pumped up to go in there and get a good score so I could get back on the practice field. When it didn't happen, it just let me down."

But by the spring of 1990, Tellis was all the way back and won the right tackle job.

"I was confident mentally that my knee was stable, and I could give 110 percent," Tellis says. "Still, the first day back in the spring I was worried about my knee. After I got that first hit on my knee, I popped right up and was ready to go at it. I never thought about it again."

The effort and dedication that Tellis put into his rehabilitation weren't lost on those around him.

"He has a great leadership ability," Goff says. "LeMonte is very well-liked, very well-respected. He's been a big influence on our offensive line and on our football team."

Says Tellis: "Mack Burroughs and Kim Stephens (two of the 1987 captains) were here for me my freshman year, so I try to be here for the younger guys, whether it's on or off the field."

On the field, Tellis recovered well enough to start 10 games last year. Virtually the entire offensive line returns with him for 1991 with the exception of part-time starter William Wynn. Tellis likely will move back to a guard spot to make room for junior tackle Alec Millen (6–7, 265), who played at North Carolina in 1988 and '89. Besides Tellis, other returnees are junior center Jack Swan (6–4, 269), senior guard Russell DeFoor (6–4, 249), who may get a shot at center, and junior tackles Bill Rosenberg (6–3, 272) and Mike Fellows (6–4, 288). Three redshirt freshmen will join the group: Steve Roberts (6–3, 260), Brent Duggins (6–4, 265) and Floyd Lewis (6–3, 305).

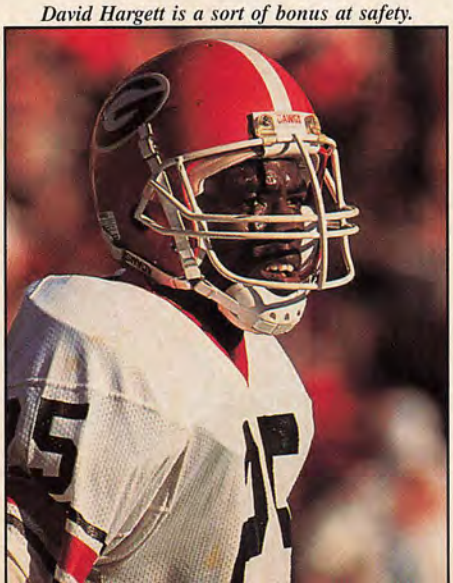
Part-time starter Shannon Mitchell (6–3, 230), a sophomore, will be the hub of the tight end corps after making the All-SEC freshman team, with sophomore Collin Brandon (6–4, 230) and junior Paul Etheridge (6–6, 237) in reserve.

Eight lettermen return at wide receiver, along with senior flanker Arthur Marshall, who started the 1990 opener but suffered a season-ending leg injury. Marshall has a career average of 23.6 yards per catch and his 1989 kickoff return average of 27.8 led the Southeastern Conference.

SEC Freshman of the Year (as selected by the Lawrenceburg, Tenn., Quarterback Club) Andre Hastings, now a sophomore, and senior Kevin Maxwell lead a talented group of receivers that provides one of the strengths of the team.

Three former starters are fighting for playing time at quarterback. Junior Preston Jones started the first two games last season, senior Greg Talley opened the next eight and sophomore Joe Dupree got the call in the finale as a true freshman. All showed the ability to move the team at times, and the race likely will carry into fall camp.

David Hargett is a sort of bonus at safety.



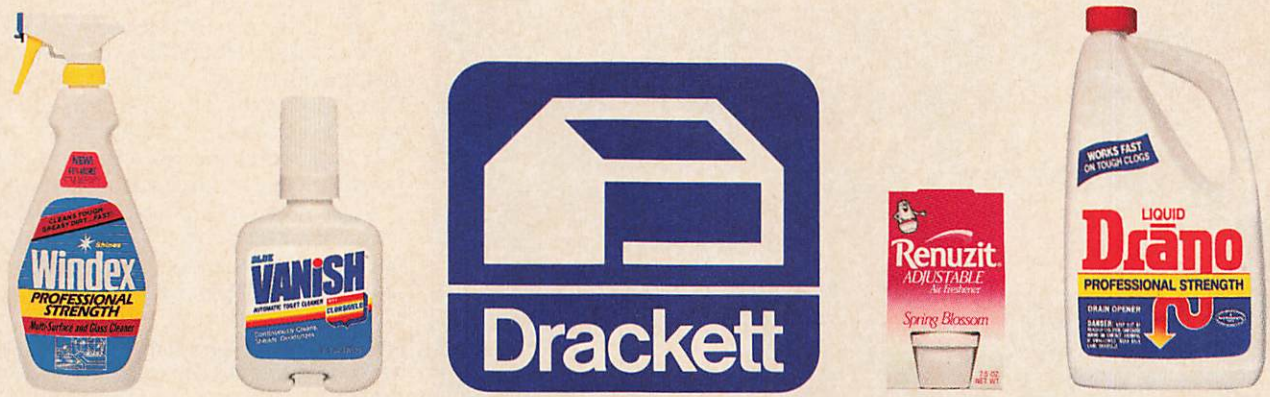
The top two rushers return in All-SEC freshman team member Garrison Hearst, a sophomore, and dependable senior Larry Ware. Hearst, who was named SEC Co-Freshman of the Year by the *Knoxville News-Sentinel*, started the last six games at tailback and finished with 717 yards. Ware added 534 yards. Sophomore Frank Harvey also will be in the picture. Junior Mack Strong returns at fullback, but backup people must be located.

The youthful defensive line, which bore the brunt of the 1990 misfortune, returns intact. Heading the list are senior tackle Eric Coney (6–4, 225), sophomore tackle Willie Jennings (6–5, 280), who made the All-SEC freshman team, and junior nose guard Mike Steele (6–4, 265). Sophomore Bernard Williams (6–9, 285) and junior Donnie Maib (6–3, 260) will be competing for playing time. Three other linemen return after missing the 1990 campaign for one reason or another: sophomores George Brewer (6–5, 276) and Randy Wolford (6–5, 263) and redshirt freshman Tashe Williams (6–6, 280).

The loss of All-SEC performer Mo Lewis and top reserve Bryant Gantt leaves the outside linebacker position short on depth and experience. The only returnees with any significant playing time are sophomore Mitch Davis (6–3, 240), who showed all-star promise the last half of the season, and junior Greg Jackson (6–3, 223), who started four games.

Quite the opposite is true at inside linebacker, where all five players in the rotation return and provide a blend of experience, depth and youth. All-star candidate DeWayne

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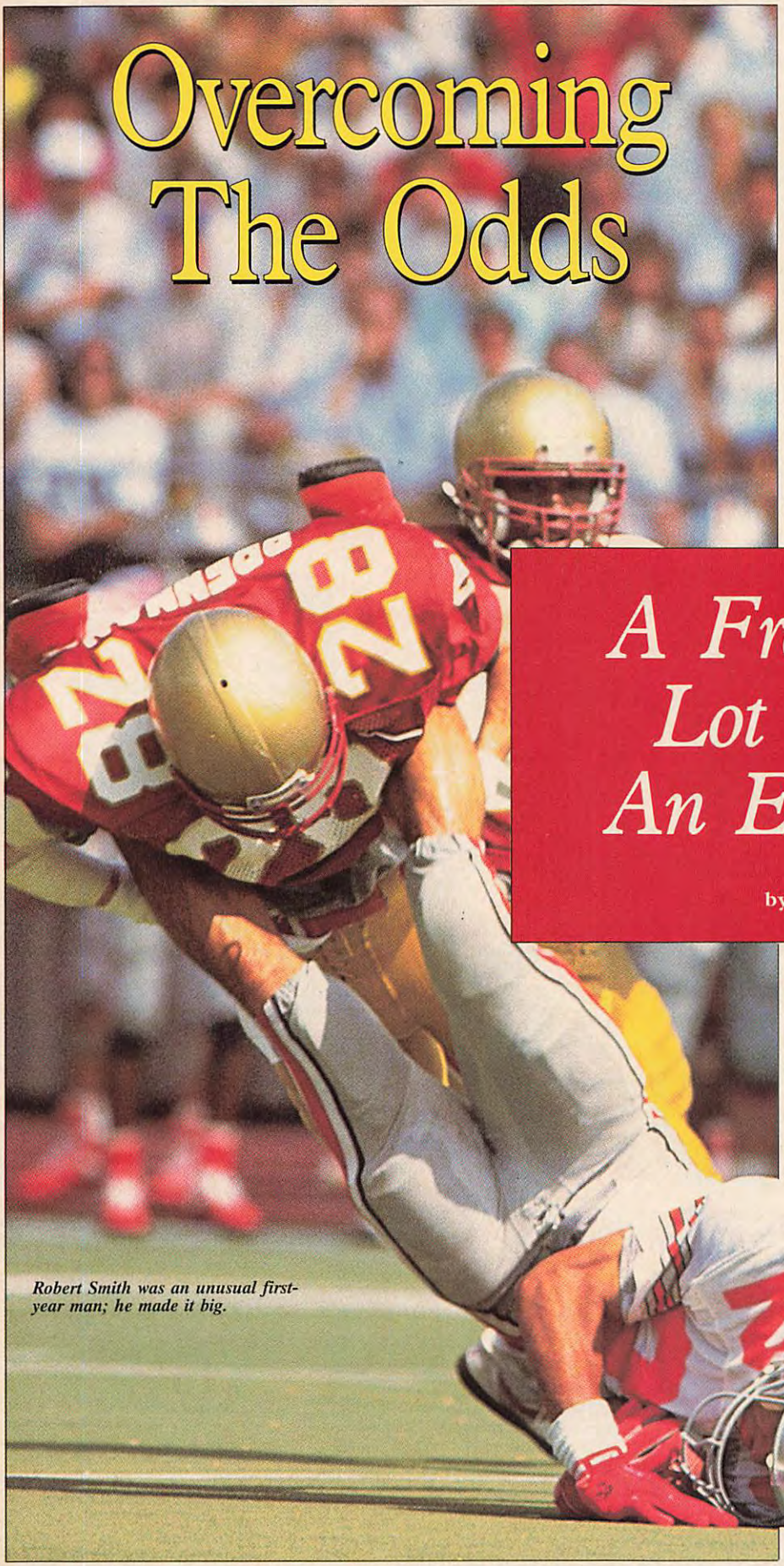


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Overcoming The Odds

A Freshman's Lot Is Not An Easy One

by Jay Searcy



Robert Smith was an unusual first-year man; he made it big.

You are fresh out of high school, and in an hour or two, in stifling August heat, you will engage in your first full-contact college football drill, lining up opposite upperclassmen you've read about and seen on television. No matter how good you are or how great the coaches said you are or how good you think you're going to be or how much you've prepared for this day, there is a little dread in your step this morning.

You hardly know your way to the student union, you know almost no one, and the players you're about to meet in practice won't be giving you any respect anytime soon. Your chances of playing one down of football this season are about 50-to-1 against. More than likely, you will be cannon fodder for the varsity. You are green. You are a freshman.

You think back to the good old days—last fall—when you were the lion of your high school campus. Popular. A hometown hero. Admired by a whole town. Idolized by children. Adored by your parents. College coaches traveled cross-country to see you play. And when you finally signed a college scholarship, it was in all the papers. You were a celebrity.

Until now. Now you wake up in a dormitory room on a faraway campus with no mom calling you to breakfast. Your new roommate and teammate is just as fast, as quick, as big, as tough as you are. He has just as many newspaper clippings and MVP trophies back home. Soon you will be bashing heads with him and others like him, who may be even bigger and faster and tougher.

And that's just the freshmen. The seniors have been on the weights for three or four years. A senior knows the system inside out and doesn't want to think about

some freshman taking over his position. So we rarely see freshmen playing college football on Saturday afternoons.

On most campuses, freshmen simply disappear into the background for a season, lost in a sea of red shirts. But at some schools, because they have a desperate need at a certain position or because the new recruit is exceptional, a freshman will work himself into recognition, maybe even into the limelight. Like Bo Jackson did at Auburn and Herschel Walker at Georgia. Like a handful you may have noticed last fall.

This is a story about some freshmen who, just three months out of high school, overcame the odds and made significant contributions at Division I-A schools. It's about what they learned, what they remember, what others thought about them.

"Everything is different about the college game: the terminology, the competition, the life-style," says Bobby April, assistant coach and recruiter at the University of Southern California. "To play as a freshman, you have to be unusually talented. You have to have physical ability. More important, you must have the ability to pick up things quickly.

"It's hard enough just being away from home the first time, even if home is just down the freeway. And the intensity of the classroom is greater than it ever was. Everything's faster, harder and more complicated.

"As a recruiter it bugs me when I hear other recruiters tell prospects they're going to start them as freshmen. I can't stand to hear it. It drives me crazy. It's really an insult to the kids who play that position on that team. Freshmen who make it, who become starters their first year, deserve a special tribute."



College football is a demanding, complicated sport, but true freshmen McGinest (above) and Oliver (above right) started for USC.

Jason Oliver, Southern California defensive back from Bakersfield, Calif., High School.

When Oliver ran out on the field at Bakersfield before a game, wearing his blue and white high school uniform, he could pick out his family and friends in the crowd. There were usually 3,000 or so fans, and he thought that was a lot of people.

When Oliver made a recruiting trip to USC, he had never been inside a college stadium. When he saw those 92,500 seats at the Los Angeles Coliseum, his heart jumped. The thought of playing on that field on national television was almost more than he could imagine. He never expected it would happen in just a matter of months.

"I remember my first college practice," Oliver says. "I saw all those players out there and I thought, 'Here I am, one of many. I'm starting from scratch.' They all looked like grown men and I was used to seeing boys. They had full beards, mustaches and their size surprised me. There was a drill called the gauntlet where the backs line up five yards apart, and they have to hit those big defensive linemen and big fullbacks over and over. I felt like I was bouncing off them the first couple of times . . . but you learn.

"And I remember my first game. The adrenaline was pumping so hard I got tired just in the pregame warm-ups. It took a lot of getting used to, all that noise. Of course, the secret is concentration. If you don't concentrate, the crowd will take you right out of the game."

Not only did Oliver earn a starting berth by the seventh game, he did it during the most tragic period of his young life. His mother died of cancer in September, and his father died 26 days later of tuberculosis.

Oliver, 5–11, 180, a true freshman, played in nine games and started four of the last six, made 17 tackles, forced a fumble and had three interceptions, two of which were returned for touchdowns (66 and 34 yards).

Willie McGinest, Southern California outside linebacker from Long Beach (Calif.) Poly High.

About once in four years a USC freshman becomes a starter, but toward the end of last season, the Trojans had two: Oliver and McGinest, a 6–6, 220-pounder who changed from boy to man in two months.

"College is so much more demanding," McGinest says. "You really have to get involved with time management. You have to learn to put your life together on paper and organize. Basically, every day is filled for the whole year. I was so tired at the end of the day during football season I would fall asleep at meetings, and teammates would nudge me awake. You have to learn to handle the load."

McGinest started three games, had 23 tackles, four sacks and a blocked punt.

Pete Vang, Kansas, non-scholarship tight end from Wichita (Kan.) Northwest High.

"I started my junior year in high school getting lots of letters and phone calls from college coaches, and I assumed I would get a scholarship somewhere," Vang says. "But in my senior year—my team had a 4–5 record—they stopped calling. It was hard to accept after such a big buildup. I didn't want

to quit football because I loved it. I've been playing since I was in the fourth grade. I told my parents I wanted to go somewhere as a walk-on."

Vang, 6–3, 220, whose brother, Scott (6–5, 270), was a senior guard at Iowa last season, chose Kansas because it got back in touch with him late in his senior year when other schools had forgotten him. But Kansas had no scholarship and no guarantees. So Vang paid $2,000 to attend the first semester.

"At first I was more scared than anything," Vang says, "but I saw right away that I could play with these guys. I thought I was better than some of the freshmen, and I felt like I got cheated out of a scholarship."

Obviously, the coaches thought Vang deserved better, too, because he played in every game on a Kansas team that started only three seniors. He started the last three games—against Oklahoma State, Nebraska and Missouri—and after Thanksgiving, he was put on full scholarship.

Vang finished with six receptions and two touchdowns (one against Nebraska).

Robert Smith, Ohio State running back from Euclid, Ohio, High.

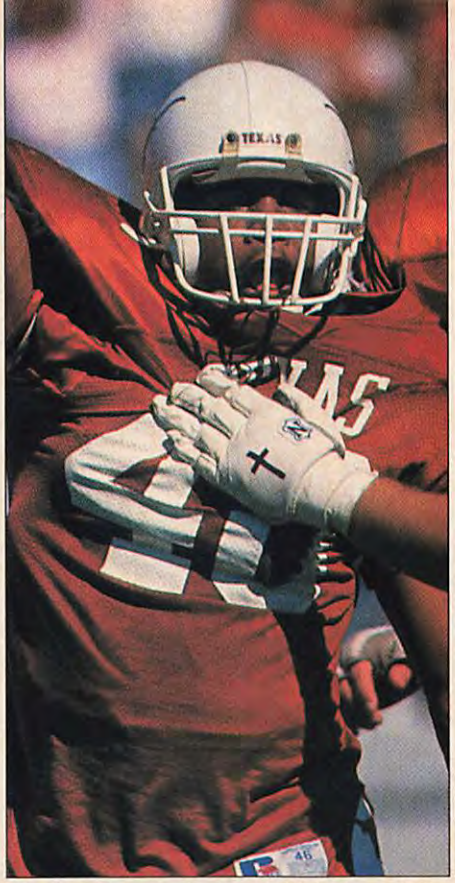
He was on everybody's most-wanted list, one of the top 100 high school recruits in the country (2,300 rushing yards, 34 touchdowns as a senior), National Honor Society, state 100-meter sprint champion as a junior and national scholar-athlete of the year. Even before Smith left Euclid, a Cleveland suburb, there were whispers around the Ohio State campus that he would get a lot of playing time as a freshman. So it really surprised no one when he played in every game, started all but two and broke the school freshman rushing record set by Archie Griffin, two-time Heisman Trophy winner.

Smith, 6–2, 195, went from Big Man on Campus at Euclid High to Big Man on Campus in Columbus in one giant step. By the time Ohio State students arrived for the fall semester, he had already established himself as a Buckeye gridiron star.

"I wish I could have come here and laid low for a while," Smith says. "Back in Euclid only people in high school and the city knew about me, but in Columbus it was on a bigger level. It was everybody in the state.

"People kept telling me I was going to break Griffin's record (867 yards), and I didn't even know what it was. Those things don't interest me, but I felt that I would get a lot of playing time because I had seen Ohio State game film. And after watching it, I knew I could compete on that level. I didn't see anything out there I couldn't do."

Smith also knew that the running back ahead of him, senior Carlos Snow, would miss the season because of an injury and that the running back job was open.



Butch Hadnot an idea he wouldn't play quickly.

Smith finished the regular season with 1,064 rushing yards, averaging 6.5 yards a carry. He scored seven touchdowns and helped put the Buckeyes in the Liberty Bowl, where he scored on a 29-yard run.

Butch Hadnot, Texas running back from Kirbyville, Texas, High School.

The first college football game Hadnot ever saw in person was the Texas-Penn State game last September at Penn State's Beaver Stadium. He was on the sidelines in a Texas uniform. He didn't get to play, but he was a starter by the fifth game.

"What I kept hearing all the time before I went to college," Hadnot says, "was that I would be redshirted, that I was not tough enough to play my freshman year, things like that. What I told them was that the good Lord knows me better than anybody and that He'd see about that.

"The first week of practice I was a little intimidated, but I was confident I could play. Coaches told me I was picking up stuff real quick, so I got confidence."

Hadnot, 6–0, 214, earned a starting berth when, late in the Texas-Oklahoma game, the regular running back, Phil Brown, was injured during the final drive. Texas called on Hadnot and gave him the ball on two straight running plays. He responded with runs of 21 and 10 yards. The drive turned out to be the winning one, and Hadnot turned out to be the Longhorns' starting running back.

"A lot of freshmen would get nervous in that situation," Hadnot says. "I believe I had grown out of that. I felt matured. People always said I acted a lot older than I am."

Hadnot was the Longhorns' leading rusher last season with 541 yards on 99 carries, a 5.5-yard average. He scored eight touchdowns. In the Mobil Cotton Bowl loss to Miami, he led both teams in rushing with 101 yards on 17 carries.

Marcus Malonson, Southern Methodist cornerback from Houston Jersey Village High School.

SMU, whose football program was hit with the NCAA "death penalty" in 1987 for a wide range of violations, fielded no teams in 1987 or 1988 and opened the 1989 season with a freshman-sophomore dominated team that had only seven players with any collegiate game experience. There were only three players on the SMU roster when Forrest Gregg, former Green Bay Packers coach, took over the football program, and he had only 15 scholarships to offer the first year. Experts said it would be three years before SMU won a football game. In fact, SMU won two games in 1989, its first year back, and one game last season, using more freshmen and walk-ons, probably, than any team in modern history.

"What we had," says Gregg, who since has given up the coaching job to become athletic director, "was a bunch of kids unfamiliar with what we were trying to do. We had no role models, no upperclassmen, no seniors to lead them. They had to learn from each other and from film. One thing I learned about freshmen: It's not the physical part that's so scary for them. They handled that, playing against upperclassmen. When you're overpowered, you resolve to get stronger, and that's what happened here. They grew up quicker than most freshmen.

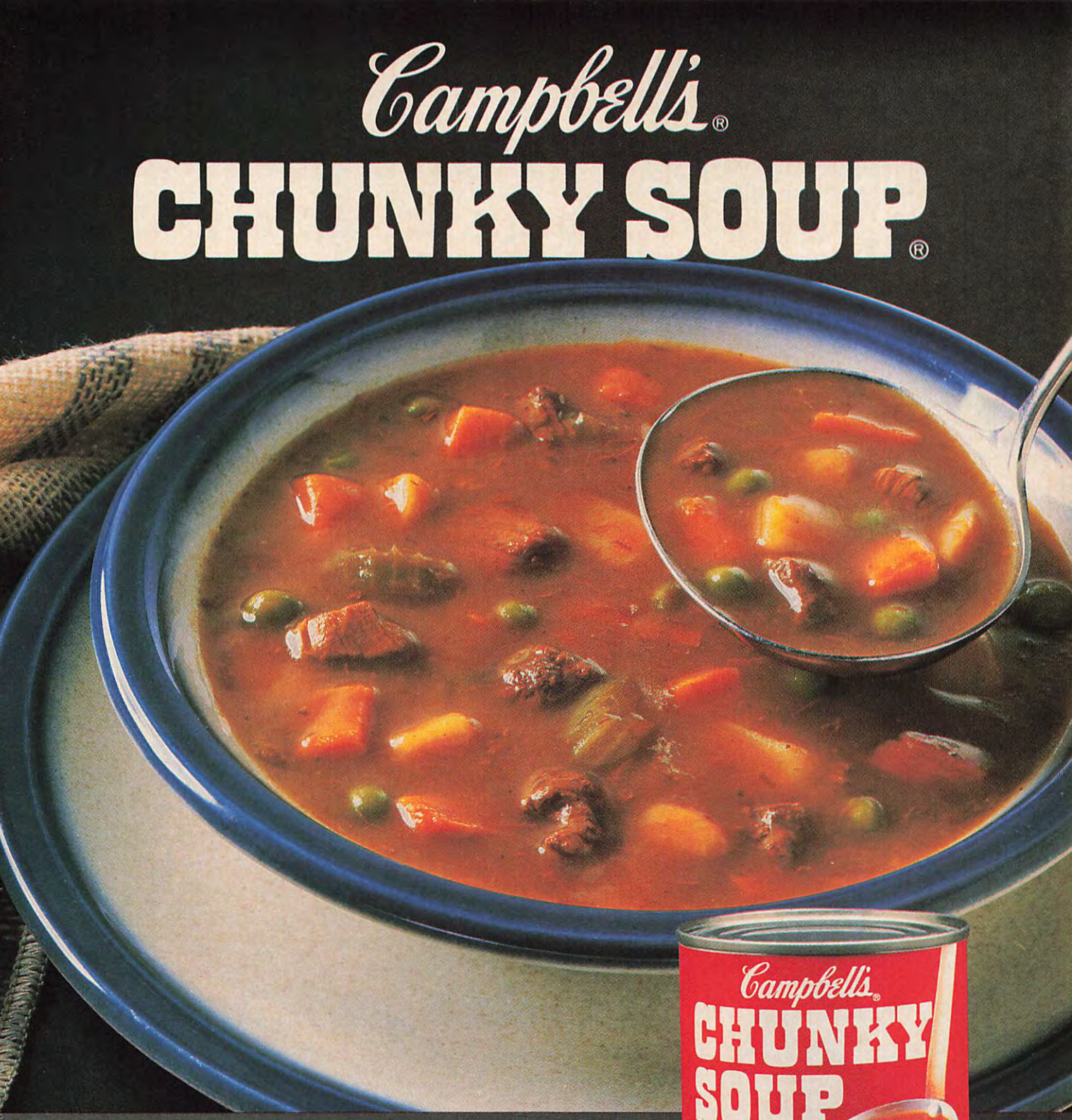
"We recruited people who wanted to play as freshmen at a Division I school. We don't have to do that now. And what we learned was that a lot of kids don't want to play as freshmen. They want that year to adjust. It really surprised me. Parents were apprehensive about it, too. And people recruiting against us would tell them, 'Hey, you don't want to play as a freshman.' "

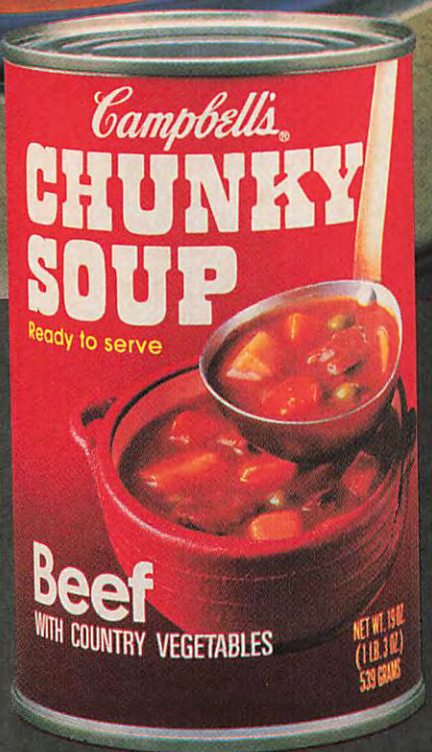
Fifteen true freshmen played enough to letter for SMU last season. Four were starters.

"I think all the freshmen who played here got embarrassed at one time or another," says Malonson, 5–8, 160, who was a 1989 recruit. "My most embarrassing moment was in the 1989 Texas game. I was covering Johnny Walker and they had the ball on our 20. Our coach called for bump-and-run coverage, and I was trying to use all my new knowledge, looking at the receiver's waist and not paying any attention to all his moves, like they taught me. But then the Texas quarterback yelled, 'Easy! Easy! Check off!' Walker gave me a couple of shakes at the line

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and I was a sitting duck. I was trailing him all the way and he caught the pass and scored. It was on TV. I was embarrassed. That's a hard way to learn. Coach Gregg said not to worry, it was just inexperience."

Malonson finished last season with 32 unassisted tackles, eighth best on the squad, and an interception.

Tony Richardson, Auburn fullback from Daleville, Ala., High School.

Richardson, at 6–2, 210, is only the second Auburn true freshman to start the first game of the season (no, the first wasn't Bo Jackson; it was Ron O'Neal, fullback, in 1982).

"I knew Auburn had good running backs, and I thought I would be redshirted," Richardson says. "But when practice started, I realized that the coaches liked my blocking. Then our starting running back (senior James Joseph) got hurt on the first day in pads. I got in the rotation a lot more after that. They were recognizing me, but I still had three or four ahead of me. But one day coach asked me if I could start the first game.

"I started thinking about all the great backs who had played here before me—Bo Jackson, Brent Fullwood, Alex Strong—and here I was just a freshman. I don't think I've ever been so happy.

"We have something here at Auburn called the Tiger Walk, where the players all dress up in their nice clothes and walk from the dorm to the stadium on game day. People line the streets and cheer you, and it makes you feel good all over. I remember my senior year in high school watching them walk by when I was on my recruiting visit. They walked single file, with Coach (Pat) Dye the last one. I think that's part of the reason I came here. I used to think about it, about walking down the street and everybody cheering.

"But this all came so fast. Coach knew I would be nervous. I'd never been exposed to so many people at once. I was nervous until that first contact. Then I was OK. I just wish my dad could have been there. He's a sergeant major in the Army, stationed in Germany. He called me every week. I sent him clippings."

Richardson started seven games at fullback and played some tailback. He ran 43 times for 237 yards, an average of 5.8. He broke one run for 63 yards.

Terry Richardson, Syracuse running back from Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) Northeast High.

"The first hit in college is like the worst hit you ever took in high school. It's a hard transition but if you're the kind of person who likes competition, you rise to the occasion. What's so different in college is that everything you do is an all-out effort."



Mason (above) and Richardson (above right) were 1990 freshmen who showed they could compete on the varsity level.

Richardson didn't play until the fifth game. His playing time increased until, in the season finale, he started at running back, a position played before him at Syracuse by greats such as Jim Brown, Floyd Little and Ernie Davis.

Richardson never went home all season. Homesick?

"If you want something bad enough, you have to grow up."

Richardson rushed 60 times for 320 yards in the regular season. He scored on a 47-yard pass in the Eagle Aloha Bowl game.

Mark Mason, Maryland running back from Potomac (Md.) Churchill High School.

Mason played in the first three games but was a disappointment to himself and to his coaches. By the fourth game, he had been demoted to the fourth team, the scout team. Mason improved rapidly, however, and when the Terps lined up against Louisiana Tech in the Independence Bowl, he was a starter.

"It took that demotion to wake me up," Mason says. "That's when I realized this was a different game. It's more complicated, more like a business.

"We have a mandatory breakfast table from 7 a.m. to 9. Then we go to class, and at 2 p.m. everybody meets at the team house where we hold positional meetings. After that, we go straight to practice, which lasts from 3:30 to around 6:30. We listen for that final whistle. There's nothing like it. We shower and dress, and sometimes we have meetings again before we eat. We eat around 7:30, then go straight to study hall. Study hall is mandatory for all freshmen and people who have grade problems. We work with tutors in study hall and get out at 10 p.m. From 2 till 10 it's football.

"I feel like I belong to the University of Maryland. I'm their product. They're getting something from me and I'm getting something from them. I'm getting an education and they're getting a football player."

Mason, 5–8, 180, finished the regular season with 43 carries for 216 yards and 11 kickoff returns for 254 yards. His best game was the season finale when he scored twice, rushed for 116 yards and broke a 59-yard run that helped upset Virginia 35–30. In the bowl game, he rushed for 93 yards on 15 carries and scored on a 28-yard pass. ■



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■ *GEORGIA*

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Simmons (6–0, 205), a senior, experienced senior John Allen (6–2, 237), dependable junior Torrey Evans (6–2, 220), and sophomores Travis Jones (6–3, 220) and Andre Washington (6–1, 210) leave little to be desired.

In the secondary, all four starters and some capable backups return to provide an experienced look. The group includes starting cornerbacks George Wynn, a senior, and Al Jackson, a junior, free safety Chris Wilson, a junior, and strong safety Mike Jones, a junior, along with top reserves Chuck Carswell, a senior, and All-SEC freshman team member Ralph Thompson, now a sophomore. But the key to the secondary could be the return of senior strong safety David Hargett, who missed most of last season with a broken leg. He's an all-star caliber player who could provide not only strength but flexibility to the secondary.

Promising sophomore punter Scot Armstrong returns after averaging 38.4 yards on 62 kicks. But the placekicking job, vacated by four-year letterman John Kasay, is a different story. There is no heir apparent and the position is wide open. Among the candidates is junior Todd Peterson, who saw limited kicking duties for two seasons at the U.S. Naval Academy before transferring. Georgia recruited all-state kicker Kanon Parkman from Stone Mountain, Ga., who drilled a record-tying 59-yard field goal and punted for a 42.8-yard average.

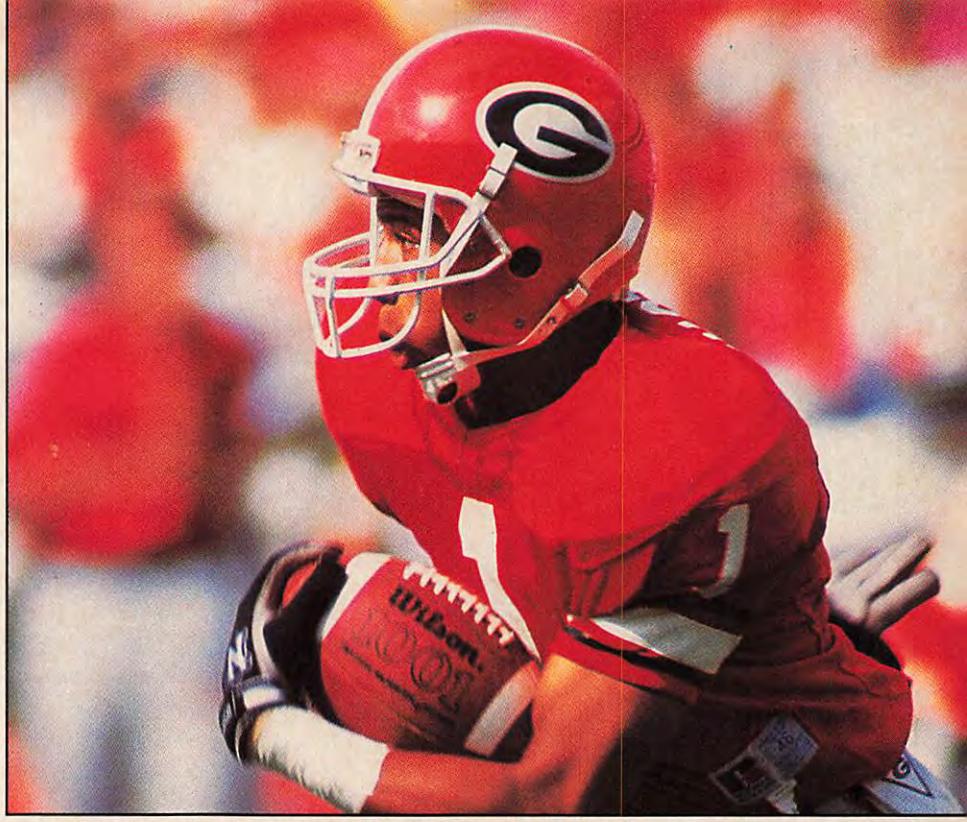
Before freshmen became eligible in the early 1970s, it was said that every sophomore you started would cost you a touchdown. That philosophy has changed dramatically, but there's still no substitute for experience. So you can imagine what Georgia went through last year with all those young pups, even though the crop of true freshmen produced the team's leading rusher, the No. 2 pass receiver and the leading kick blocker.

"Freshmen think they're ready for college football until they get here," defensive coordinator Richard Bell says. "Then they find out it's such a fast-paced game. It's hardball. They had been playing slow-pitch, but all of a sudden they find out they're in the hardball league.

"It's difficult for freshmen. They don't know the tempo that's required. They're used to playing one hard game and then one easy game in high school. The biggest thing they have to learn is the intensity that is expected of them every day and on every play. If we had our druthers, we would have loved to sit on all those freshmen. Redshirting would have allowed them to grow and develop both physically and in the classroom."

Goff probably was referring to the freshmen when he said after the 1990 season: "We saw some encouraging things. That's not easy to say when you go 4–7, but we had some young players develop. And they're going to be much better in the future.

"In a lot of cases, we've had to play the young guys over the past two years because of our lack of depth. We just didn't have a lot of players on scholarship. Fortunately, many of those young guys are very talented, have performed well and are only going to get better with time. The unfortunate thing is that it's tough for your young guys to excel in this league. They may do well as freshmen and sophomores, but they're going to do a whole lot better as juniors and seniors."

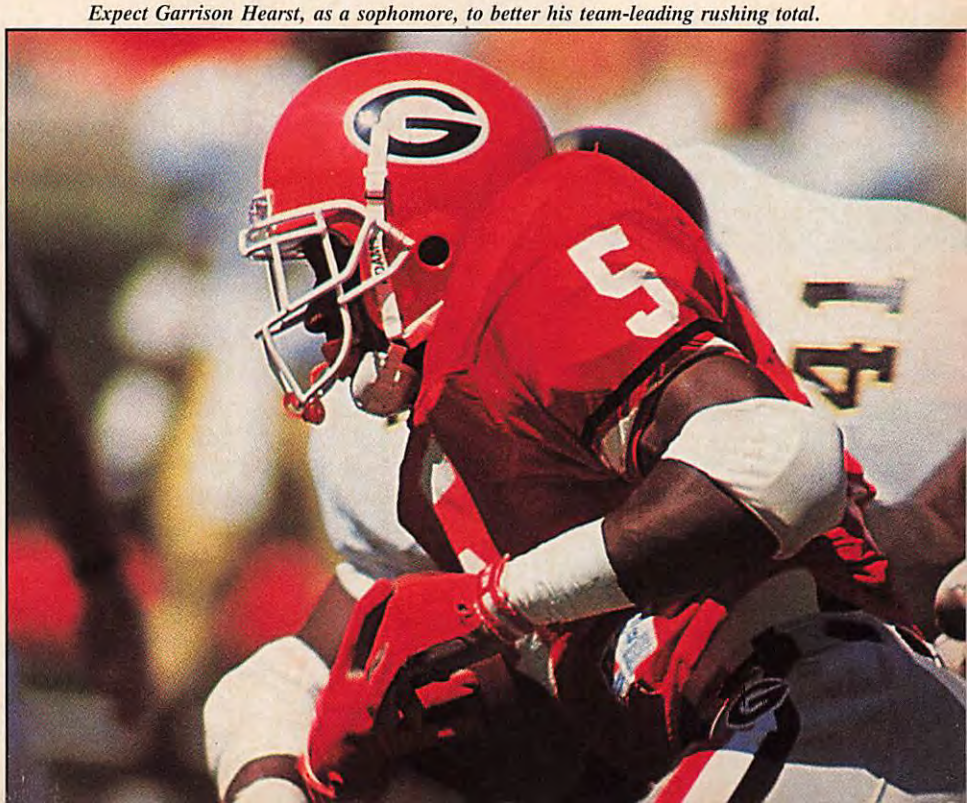


Look for Andre Hastings to top his 24 catches last season, when he was a Bulldog freshman.

The 4–7 flop came despite a 3–1 start that included one-point victories over Southern Mississippi and Alabama, and a four-point win over East Carolina. Of the six losses that followed, only one was by fewer than 16 points.

"I'm going to do my best to put it (the season) out of my mind," Goff says now, "but it's going to remain imprinted on my heart. That was the first team I've been associated with that wound up with a losing record. That's not something that sits easy with me." ■

Expect Garrison Hearst, as a sophomore, to better his team-leading rushing total.



OLE MISS

Mississippi's Tom Luke has spent much of his collegiate career finishing what somebody else started.

During baseball season, Luke is a relief pitcher for the Rebels. During past football seasons, he has served primarily as a backup quarterback.

This spring Luke, a 6–1, 195-pound junior, was back in his accustomed mop-up baseball role, serving as one of Mississippi's top relievers. This fall, however, when it comes time to trade the resin bag for the shoulder pads, his goal is to work his way into the starting lineup.

"Starting would be nice; it's something every player shoots for and I guess I'm no different," says Luke. "But in the past, sharing the quarterback duties hasn't been a problem for me. I came to accept it and I thought it worked out well."

"It's definitely different from being a starter when you take the field with the whole game ahead of you and nothing on the scoreboard."

Luke, in fact, inherited the starting job for five games last season when starter Russ Shows suffered a pulled muscle. With Luke at the controls, Ole Miss went 5–0 and earned the Mazda Gator Bowl bid. Based on that performance, Luke figures to be in the thick of the battle for a starting job.

The injury bug took a toll on Luke last year. In the course of the season he sustained a knee injury, pulled a hamstring, turned an ankle, bruised a shoulder and suffered a concussion.

And he still wants more playing time?

"Yeah," chuckles Luke, "I guess I'm a glutton for punishment. None of the injuries were all that serious, just a lot of little nagging things. I'm completely recovered and ready to go back."

Luke says there is a certain "reliever's mentality" that carries over into football from his baseball experience.

"In both sports you have to be ready to go at a moment's notice," he explains. "You never know for sure exactly when you might be sent into the game or what the situation will be. You have to be flexible enough mentally to walk out there and take over, regardless of what the score or situation is. It's definitely different from being a starter when you take the field with the whole game ahead of you and nothing on the scoreboard for either team. Mentally, I think it's much tougher to be a backup."

Luke admits that blending baseball and football sometimes stretches him thin. "I'm not able to participate in spring football practice, and that puts me a little behind everybody else in the fall," he says. "But now, at this stage of my career, it's not as big a deal as it might have been the last couple of years. I've been around awhile and I've acquired some experience. That's a major advantage. I know the plays and I'm familiar with the system.

"When I report in the fall, the big thing I have to work on is my timing. I think I'll have time to get that down before the season opens. All my coaches have been understanding about the situation."

Despite being hampered by injuries last season, Luke was able to post impressive statistics. He was the second-leading rusher on the team with 519 yards on 106 carries. His rushing total was the most for an Ole Miss quarterback in a single season since Norris Weese accumulated 542 yards in 1972.

Luke was the fifth-ranked passer in the Southeastern Conference. He completed 51 of 107 passes for 853 yards and four touchdowns. His 137.2 yards-per-game total offense ranked fifth. He was selected the Rebels' Player of the Year.

Luke looks back on the team's Gator Bowl defeat by Michigan as a bitter finish to what had been a bright season. "We played them close for a half," he says, "but in the second half their size and strength wore us down.

"The SEC has always been known more for its speed than its size, but you've got to have both. I think we learned that against Michigan. Maybe it's something we can improve in the future."

Bloodlines: 25 years after Tommy Luke wound up his Ole Miss career at defensive back, son Tommy continues his as the Rebels' quarterback.


Ole
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A mostly senior Rebel defense includes linebacker Pete Harris . . .



. . . and left end Phillip Kent, who led the team in sacks with 10.

■ *OLE MISS*

Luke has a strong Mississippi bloodline. His father, Tommy Luke, played for Coach Johnny Vaught from 1964-66 before going on to play for the Denver Broncos.

"My dad has always been an inspiration," says Luke. "I've been playing some kind of ball ever since I can remember. But he never pushed me into anything; he was always there to offer advice or assistance but he never pressured me in any way. He always let me make my own decisions."

Ole Miss suffered what would appear to be a major offensive setback when senior-to-be Randy Baldwin decided to forgo his final season of eligibility and enter the NFL draft. Baldwin was expected to rank among the top running backs in the SEC this fall.

"We'll miss Randy, there's no question about it," says Luke. "He was a very talented player. But in our offensive system, a lot of people handle the ball. So it's not like we were relying on a one-back offense. The situation is out of our hands so there's no use dwelling on it. We've got a lot of great players back."

Despite his strong showing last season, Luke realizes he has some catching up to do this fall. He will battle fellow junior Shows for the starting job, with senior Steve Davis also very much in the picture. Handy Campbell, a sophomore, and Kelly Cochrane, a redshirt freshman, are being groomed for the future at quarterback.

With Baldwin gone, the ball-toting job appears wide-open. Senior Tyrone Ashley, who played defensive back and led the team in kick returns (11 for 263 yards), could be in the forefront of the race, along with senior Darron Billings and a host of eager but largely untested younger players. They include sophomore Marvin Courtney, junior Scott Swatzell and redshirt freshmen Bert Carruth and Jerry Graeber. Courtney was the team's fourth-leading rusher with 115 yards on 16 carries.

Senior Vincent Brownlee returns at flanker, backed up by redshirt freshman Lance Berry. Brownlee caught the ball 13 times for 301 yards and three touchdowns.

The Rebels' top passing target, senior Darrick Owens, is back. Owens had 18 catches for 305 yards and two touchdowns. Senior Tyrone Montgomery was the leading receiver until a knee injury ended his season. Montgomery missed spring practice during his recovery but is expected to be back in action this fall. Sophomore Eddie Small provides quality depth at split end.

Tyji Armstrong, a 6–4, 245-pound senior, anchors the Rebels' line at tight end, with junior Thomas McLeish (6–2, 225) his understudy.

Senior Cliff Dew (6–2, 257) heads into the season as the top contender for center, with junior Sebastian "Snake" Williams (6–4, 239) and sophomore Wesley Melton (6–5, 266) competing at one tackle spot and sophomores Clint Conlee (6–4, 265) and Burkes Brown (6–5, 260) at the other.

At guard, junior Everett Lindsay (6–5, 285) and sophomore James Holcombe (6–3, 270) are battling for a job on one side, while senior David Herring (6–2, 241) and sophomore Joel Jordan (6–2, 240) contend for the starting berth on the other side.

Mississippi's defensive line features four seniors and a junior. The seniors are Phillip Kent (6–2, 235) at left end, Tony Hervey (6–5, 295) at left tackle, Jim Lentz (6–4, 264) at nose guard and Kevin Ingram (6–1, 233) at right end. Junior Artis Ford (6–3, 245) is a leading candidate for the right tackle spot. Kent had 81 tackles last year, including 10 sacks.

"We have the talent to do the job; it's up to us to go out and get it done."

Leading the list at linebacker are senior Pete Harris and junior Gary Abide. Both check in at 6–1, 230. Harris is the leading returning tackler; he ranked third last season with 95.

Juniors Danny Boyd and Dwayne Amos will share duties at one cornerback spot; senior Chauncey Godwin likely has the other corner nailed down. Boyd recorded 67 tackles and two interceptions last year. Ashley, who will get a long look at running back, could possibly pull double-duty and return at free safety along with another senior, Jeff Carter. Carter was credited with 68 tackles and a pass interception last season.

Richard Chisolm, a transfer from Holmes (Miss.) Junior College, appears to be the leading candidate for the punting job.

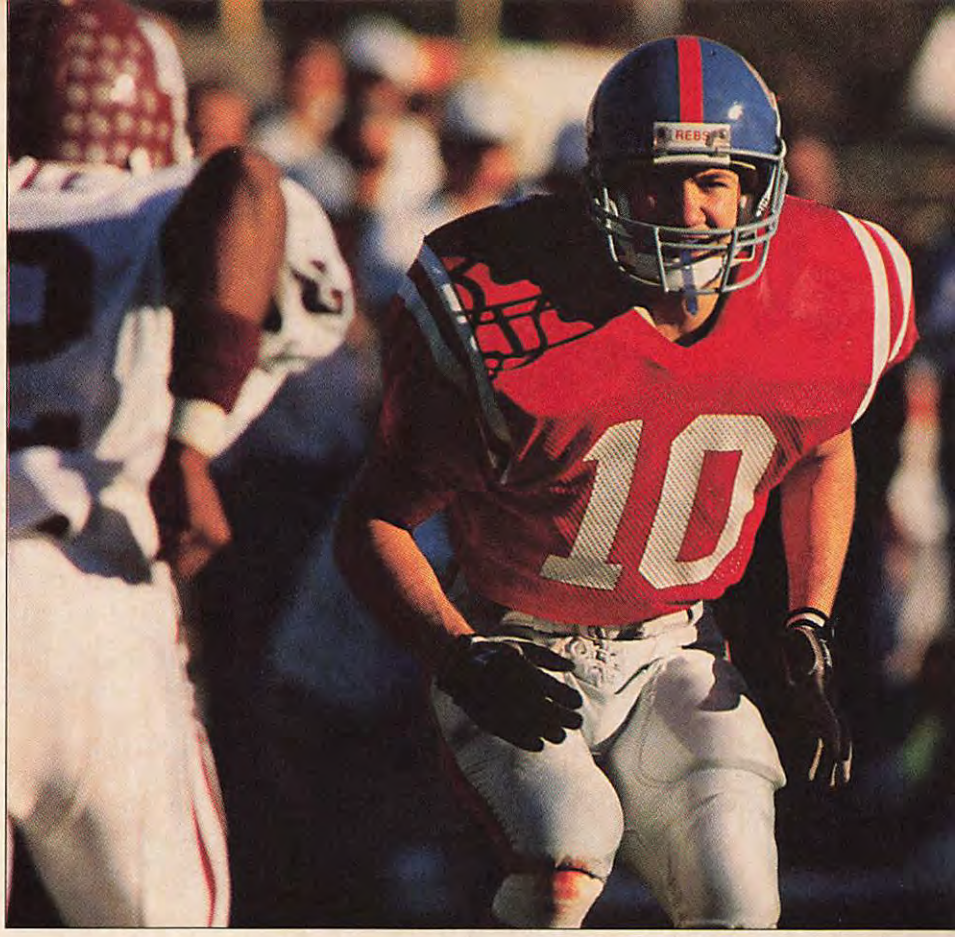
Last season's placekicker, junior Brian Lee, could find himself in a tight battle with junior college transfer John Ross. Lee drilled 32 of 34 extra points last season but hit just three of 13 field-goal attempts.

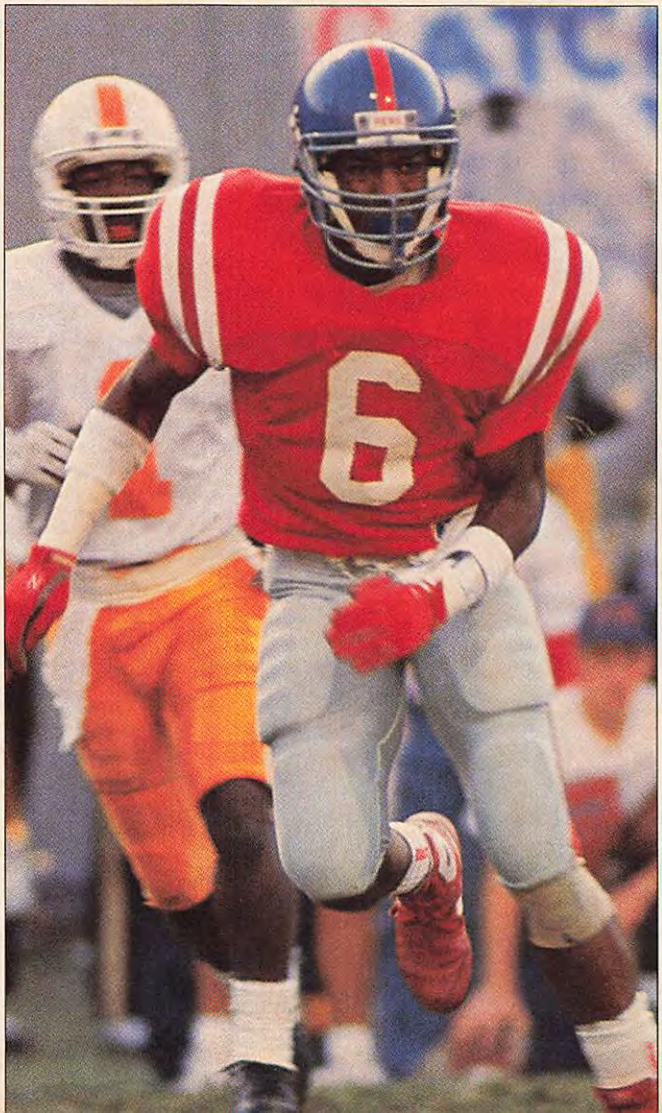
Ole Miss Coach Billy Brewer is optimistic about the prospects of another successful season at his alma mater. He says replacing Baldwin will be a top priority.

"Anytime you lose an all-conference running back like Randy Baldwin, it hurts," says Brewer. "He was the first one we've had around here in a while, and we've obviously got a difficult task in replacing him. But we've got other talented runners who could have an impact on this team. I'm anxious to see who will step forward."

Brewer goes on to say: "This football team has yet to feel its potential. We have been slow in coming around and have a number of inexperienced players at a number of positions. But if we can hold on and enjoy some early success, we have a chance to be competitive again."

"We made some big strides last year," says Luke. "The season didn't end the way we'd have liked for it to end, but that just gives us that much more incentive and motivation. We have the talent to do the job; it's up to us to go out and get it done." ■





Cornerstones of Ole Miss' secondary are Chauncey Godwin (above) and Danny Boyd (left), who defend the flanks.

TESSIE

The interview was moving along like a smooth pass pattern, slanting through a discussion of past experiences and making a diagonal cut into questions about future expectations, when the dreaded D-word brought Carl Pickens to a sudden halt.

It was like a three-deep zone pass coverage had suddenly rolled toward the short side of the field, catching Pickens in a safety sandwich, stopping him in his tracks with nowhere to turn.

The Tennessee wide receiver's field was covered, his pattern stuffed, his mood blitzed.

"I don't even like to talk about it," Pickens said.

Although Pickens jumped headlong into double duty, he often pointed out that he was a wide receiver moonlighting as a defensive back, not the other way around.

Mentioning the word defense to Pickens is like flipping off a switch. The light goes out, leaving dark shadows.

He led the Southeastern Conference in pass receiving last year, establishing himself as one of the true stars in the league, but Pickens couldn't get away from that D-word. It followed him to the practice field in the afternoon, to the training table in the evening, to his bed at night. He was turning opposing cornerbacks into pretzels with lithe moves and suction-cup hands, but he could never outrun the question about . . . well, that other side of the field where they tackle people.

"People asked the same questions in every interview," Pickens says. " 'Do you miss playing defense?' 'How do you think Dale Carter is playing?' 'Who's better at free safety, you or Dale?' I got tired of answering the same things over and over."

At a time when he was catching a school-record 13 passes against Notre Dame, Pickens' footsteps were still shadowed by inquiring minds who wanted to know about another phase of the game.

Since Pickens doesn't want to talk about it, an independent review may be in order. Midway through the 1989 season, with Tennessee's pass defense turning up defenseless, the Volunteers looked for immediate help and settled on Pickens, who was then a redshirt freshman splitting time at wide receiver.

What happened in the final five games of the '89 season brought Pickens nationwide attention. He intercepted a pass in each of those five games, including a sleight-of-hand grab in the end zone during Tennessee's Mobil Cotton Bowl victory over Arkansas, and he was recognized as a throwback to a bygone era when players worked a full four quarters, alternating between offense and defense and never complaining about it.

Although Pickens jumped headlong into double duty, he often pointed out that he was a wide receiver moonlighting as a defensive back, not the other way around.

Frustration mounted as he saw his pass-catching opportunities reduced as coaches sought to keep him fresh for defense. The whole thing reached a head after the Cotton Bowl game when Pickens, who had been selected the most valuable defensive player, walked off the field, took a shower and ran a post pattern for the bus, declining to answer the same old questions.

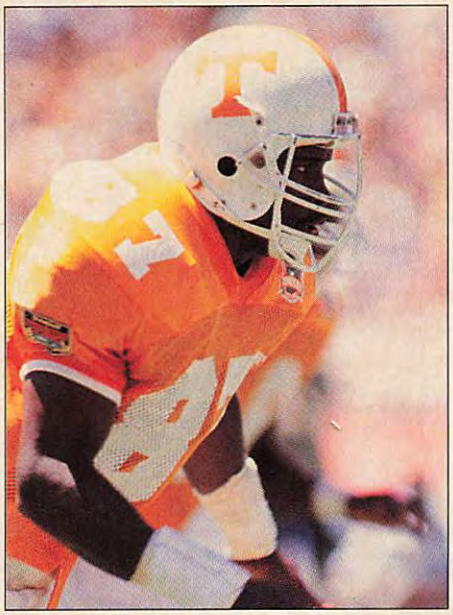
The attention continued as the 1990 season approached. *The Sporting News* staged a picture of Pickens being tugged in opposite directions by Tennessee's offensive and defensive coaches. He had a grin on his face. Or was it a grimace?

Even in preseason practice, Tennessee Coach Johnny Majors talked about keeping Pickens prepared for spot duty on defense, recognizing the untested status of several new faces in the secondary.

But Pickens was guardedly optimistic. Several months earlier, junior college defensive back Carter had made a recruiting visit to the Tennessee campus.

Catching passes is not Vol receiver Carl Pickens' only forte; at a gallop, he's equally dangerous returning kicks and interceptions.





QB and OLB are in good hands at Tennessee: Andy Kelly (left) and Darryl Hardy (above).

■ TENNESSEE

Hearing whispers about Carter's ability, Pickens made his own recruiting pitch in a short conversation that stuck in Carter's memory.

"He walked up to me," Carter recalls, "and said, 'If you're as good as they say you are, I think you should come to school at Tennessee. That way, you can play free safety, and I can go back to playing wide receiver.' "

Carter took it as a challenge and signed with the Vols. By the time Tennessee opened the season in the Disneyland Pigskin Classic against eventual national champion Colorado, Carter had become a fixture in Tennessee's secondary, and Pickens had returned to his preferred role as a full-time wide receiver. Both Pickens and Carter made All-SEC, an indication that things worked out well for each.

And these days, when people ask Pickens to compare his style at free safety with that of his successor, he merely shrugs.

"I played over there for only five games," he says, "so I'm not an expert on the way you should play it. I think Dale did a good job at his position, and I did a good job at mine."

Likewise, the Vols did a good job in attaining a position atop the SEC for the second straight year. It was an impressive run, topped off by a fourth-quarter rally in the USF&G Sugar Bowl, where Tennessee outlasted Virginia 23–22 to finish 9–2–2.

Despite the team's accomplishments, Pickens considers 1990 a season of missed opportunities. The four blemishes on the team's record—narrow losses to Alabama and Notre Dame, and ties with Colorado and Auburn—kept Tennessee from ascending to the pinnacle of college football.

"The thing that stood out the most was that we had more than one chance to be No. 1, but we couldn't make the most of it," Pickens says. "We had a chance to beat Colorado

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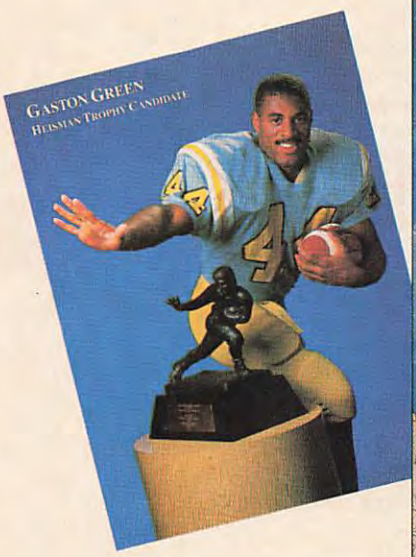


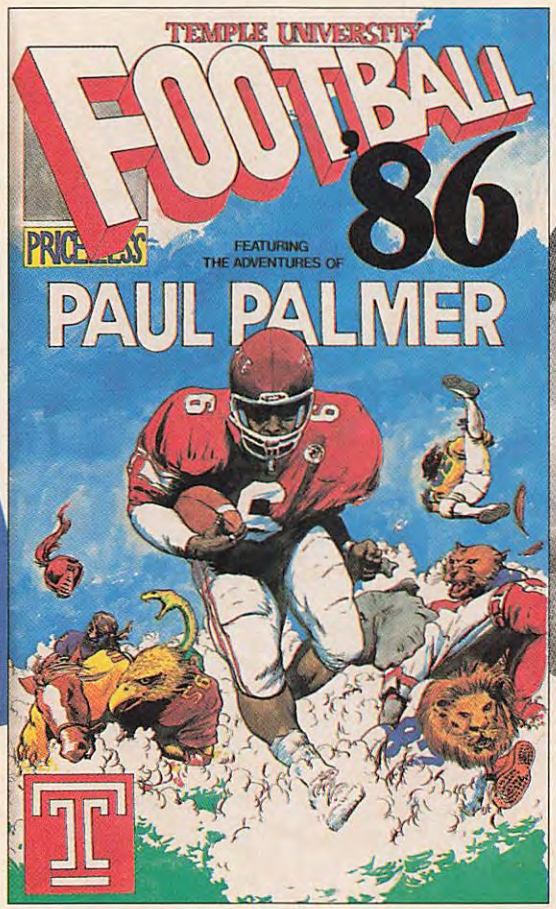
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Hyping the Heisman

'The Fall Classic' Fires Imagination Of Candidates And Publicists







Gaston Green (UCLA), Paul Palmer (Temple) and Jim McMahon (BYU), posing in a likeness of the Heisman Trophy itself, got support but no awards.

by Herschel Nissenson

The 1991 Heisman Trophy race, at least in the preseason, has all the elements of one of those hilarious wrestling matches so prevalent on TV.

Good vs. Evil.

The champion is already in the ring: Ty Detmer, 6–0, 175, out of San Antonio, Texas, and Brigham Young University. Detmer was raised a Methodist, but in February he converted to the Mormon faith (the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints), which requires clean living and no smoking or drinking, not even coffee or tea. Detmer has recovered from two separated shoulders he suffered when he was repeatedly body-slammed by Attila the Aggie in the Holiday Bowl a few weeks after winning the 1990 Heisman.

And over there's his manager, "Laughing LaVell" Edwards, whose stern visage belies his nice-guy image. Edwards seems especially grim because he's probably on the lookout for some dirty tricks from the opposition.

And here comes the challenger, tossing miniature footballs to the crowd. David Klingler, 6–3, 205, The Gunslinger—or Gunslingler, if you will—a hometown product from the University of Houston, a modest man in his own right but forced to wear the black hat by his manager, John "The Jackal" Jenkins, who refused to show any mercy and let his boy throw 11 touchdown passes against outmanned Eastern Washington last year.

Wait a minute. What's this? Others want to get into the act. It looks like it's going to be a fight to the finish in a crowded ring.

There are the quarterbacks—Elvis Grbac of Michigan, Darian Hagan of Colorado, Andy Kelly of Tennessee, Tommy Maddox of UCLA, Shane Matthews of Florida, Rick Mirer of Notre Dame, Matt Rodgers of Iowa, Casey Weldon of Florida State.

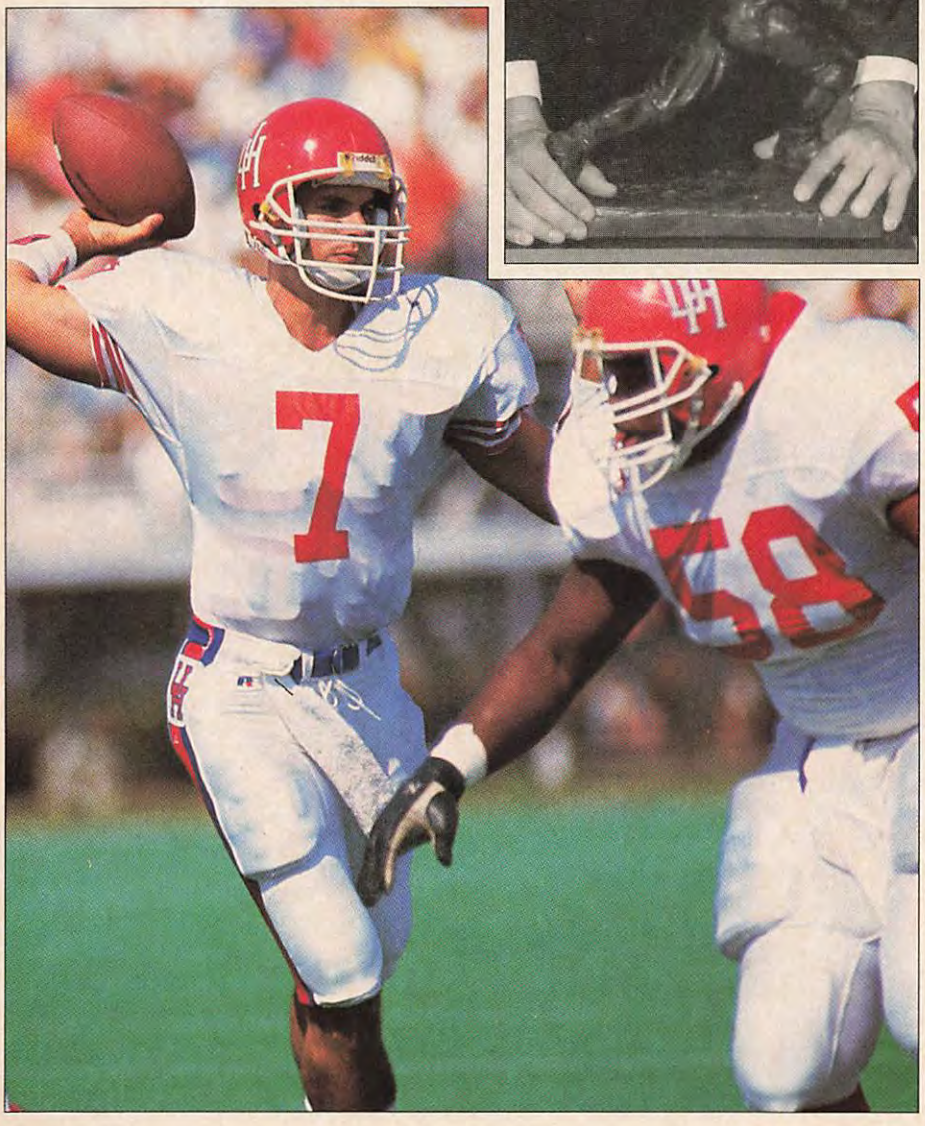
And here come the running backs—Tico Duckett of Michigan State, Vaughn Dunbar of Indiana, Leodis Flowers of Nebraska, Amp Lee of Florida State, Glyn Milburn of Stanford, Ricky Powers of Michigan, Mazio Royster of Southern California, Robert Smith of Ohio State, Siran Stacy of Alabama, Russell White of California.

They all have one thing in common: If they haven't yet been dubbed Heisman (hype) Trophy (tub-thump) Candidates





This tie-in plays up Detmer's talents; Klingler fans can think of five good reasons to rave about Dave.



Hyping The Heisman

(campaign), they probably will be as soon as they pick up a yard or two.

The ranks of Heisman pretenders were thinned somewhat when Notre Dame flanker-kick returner Raghib "Rocket" Ismail, the 1990 runner-up, decided to bypass his senior season in favor of a megamillion-dollar contract with Toronto of the Canadian Football League, along with several who chose the NFL draft: Virginia wide receiver Herman Moore, Southern Cal quarterback Todd Marinovich and running backs Curvin Richards of Pittsburgh, Jon Vaughn of Michigan and Chuck Webb of Tennessee.

Gearing up in earnest for the real Fall Classic are Ted Nance and Ralph Zobell. Never heard of them? They're the sports information directors at Houston and BYU respectively. Nance is a veteran, having gone from SID at Houston to executive director of the now-defunct Bluebonnet Bowl and back to the university as assistant athletic director for media and community relations. Nance has a Heisman scalp on his belt, quarterback Andre Ware in 1989.

Zobell, a BYU graduate, joined the staff in 1977—he's been the SID for only a couple of years—after serving an LDS mission to Indonesia. Zobell & Co. got the Detmer bandwagon rolling prior to the 1989 Holiday Bowl game with tie-shaped (get it?) mailings (at a cost of $1000) reading, "Here's one Ty you'll like this Christmas." Detmer burned Penn State, of all people, for 576 yards, a Holiday Bowl record, and the hype was on. BYU followed with a June mailing that listed "Five reasons the Heisman should end in a Ty." And prior to the 1990 home opener they passed out 10,000 neckties, "The official Ty of the Heisman Trophy." Detmer came through, passing for 406 yards and three touchdowns against defending national champion Miami.

Nance let Klingler's numbers speak for themselves, countering the backlash from that Eastern Washington massacre by pointing out that Klingler's statistics were better than any other Heisman-winning quarterback, including Ware, and, in fact, better than the *career* numbers for many other quarterback legends.

The efforts of Zobell and Nance pale, however, before the cleverest Heisman hype ever. Ironically, it came from a school that really doesn't need it: Notre Dame. In 1967, a young quarterback from South River, N.J., arrived in South Bend. His name was Joe Theismann, then pronounced Thees-man. But not for long. As Roger Valdiserri, then Notre Dame's sports information director and currently an associate athletic director, tells it:

"Someone said, 'There goes Joe Theesman,' and I said, 'No, there goes Joe Thighsman, as in Heisman.' It wasn't planned. A reporter from the *South Bend Tribune* was

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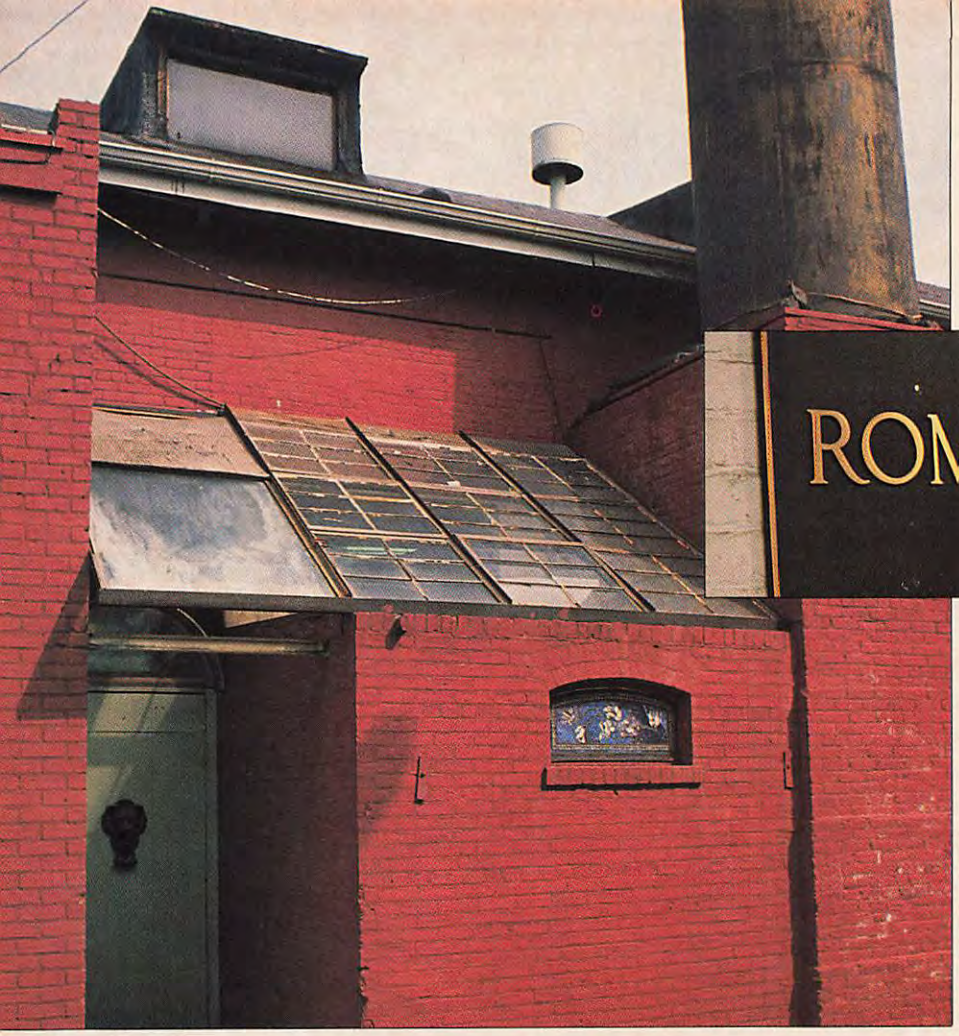


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there, and he wrote it. He (Theismann) liked it and his parents go by it today."

But Theismann, however he pronounces it, doesn't have a Heisman Trophy. He finished a distant second in 1970 to Stanford quarterback Jim Plunkett, 2,229 points to 1,410.

The University of Virginia spent about $12,000 last year to plug quarterback Shawn Moore, including a postcard showing Moore in a cap and gown with the caption, "The biggest completion of his career." Virginia, of course, is known as an egghead school. In addition, they had to make sure the voters didn't confuse quarterback Moore, who finished fourth in the Heisman voting, with Virginia wide receiver Herman Moore, who was sixth.

Detmer isn't the first player BYU has campaigned for. In 1982, the SID staff sprinkled oats in mailings for center Bart Oates. Four years later, BYU sent out large imitation dollar bills with defensive lineman Jason Buck's picture and the inscription "E Pluribus Sack'em."

If you're not an offensive back—and in 55 years, the only non-backs to win the award were two-way ends Larry Kelley of Yale in 1936 and Leon Hart of Notre Dame in 1949—you really need some pub. Pittsburgh, for example, used green envelopes, green ink and a caricature of a green giant to hype defensive end Hugh Green in 1980. Clemson sent out Special K-type cereal boxes for safety Terry Kinard in 1982 and spent $10,000 in 1984 on 4,000 life-size posters of nose guard William "Refrigerator" Perry.

But in 1966, Florida got its money's worth from $10,000 worth of Steve Spurrier highlight tapes when the quarterback won the Heisman handily over Purdue's Bob Griese. Purdue, in fact, fired its publicity man when the best he could do was runner-up finishes for Griese, Leroy Keyes in 1968 and Mike Phipps in 1969.

In the last 33 years, only two linemen have finished as high as second: offensive tackle John Hicks of Ohio State in 1973 and Pitt's Green in 1980.

"A lineman won't win the trophy again because they don't play football any more, they play positions," Hart said back in 1973. "This two-platoon football where a man is either a defensive or offensive player makes it impossible for a lineman to influence a game sufficiently to get the exposure to win this trophy."

Just what is this prize that means almost as much to SIDs as to the winners themselves? It wasn't even known as the Heisman Trophy when it began in 1935. The award was the Downtown Athletic Club (of New York) Trophy to the outstanding college football player east of the Mississippi River. A total of 65 voters selected the University of Chicago's Jay Berwanger over Army's Monk Meyer by 84 points to 29 (the voting has always been done on a 3–2–1 basis).

In October 1936, John W. Heisman (nee Johann Wilhelm Heisman), the DAC's director of athletics, died. Heisman had been head coach at Oberlin (twice), Akron, Auburn, Clemson, Georgia Tech (he was coach when the Yellow Jackets stung Cumberland 222–0 in 1916), Pennsylvania (his alma mater where he was a standout player), Washington and Jefferson and Rice. After his death, the award was named in his honor and went national.

Willard B. Prince, founder of the DAC Journal, was the prime mover behind the award. He chaired the trophy committee from 1935-48 and he, his son and daughter counted the votes the first year. In 1936, the voting was placed in the hands of sectional representatives of the media. The number of voters rose as high as 1,300 in the 1960s before the deadwood was removed. The total now is down to 920, including all former winners, but no DAC members.

The trophy itself was created by sculptor Frank Eliscu, who used Ed Smith, a running back at New York University, as the model. Eliscu later discussed with Fordham Coach Jim Crowley, one of Notre Dame's Four Horsemen, about how the model should carry the ball. Thus the stiff-arm pose, which has never changed.

Neither has the site where the trophy is cast each year, the Roman Bronze Foundry in the Corona, Queens, section of New York City. It has always been 14 inches long, 6½ inches wide, 13½ inches high, weighing 25 pounds. The original is on view in the DAC lobby in downtown Manhattan—you can see the Statue of Liberty from the DAC—and slightly smaller versions are given each year to the winner and his school.

Heisman was an innovator, coming up with the handoff, the hidden ball trick and many versions of what is now the flea flicker. He in-

vented the direct snap from center, the jump shift or the Heisman shift, the spinner play, double laterals and the first scoreboard that showed downs and yards. He also campaigned (how appropriate) for the forward pass to be legalized.

During his coaching career, Heisman formulated his ideas about football and distributed them to his players. The list read like this:

DON'TS

Don't lose your head.
Don't fumble the ball.
Don't tackle high.
Don't stop running because you are behind.
Don't hesitate about falling on the ball.
Don't let a runner escape you after you have him.
Don't loose (sic) the game.

ALWAYS

Always play with your head.
Always listen for signals.
Always block your opponent at any cost.
Always start as fast as you can.
Always be where the ball is.
Always win the game.

CAN'TS

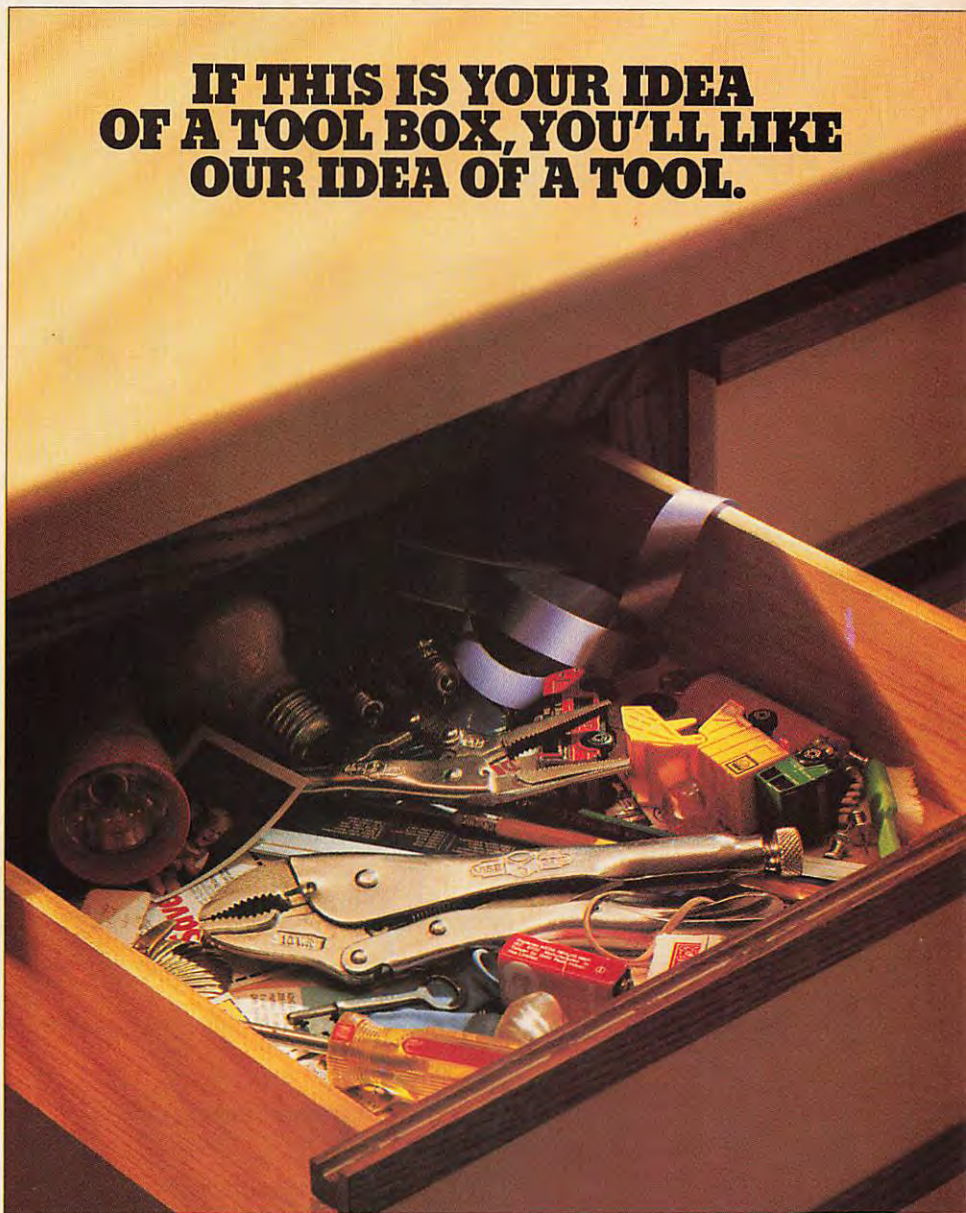
You can't play football without brains.
You can't play too aggressively.
You can't afford to waste time talking.
You can't play ball with a swelled head.
You can't win without using these principles.

NEVER

Never drop the ball.
Never get excited.
Never give up.
Never forget a football player may be a gentleman.

- The 35-story Downtown Athletic Club is located on the site of President George Washington's farewell to the last meeting of Congress held in New York.
- The biggest margin of victory was in 1968, Southern Cal's O.J. Simpson over Purdue's Leroy Keyes, 2,853-1,103. The closest race was in 1985 when Auburn's Bo Jackson nipped Iowa's Chuck Long, 1,509-1,464.
- Only twice has the Heisman winner failed to lead in first-place votes: Notre Dame's Paul Hornung in 1956 and Oklahoma's Billy Sims in 1978.
- All but 10 Heisman winners were seniors. The juniors were Army's Doc Blanchard (1945), SMU's Doak Walker (1948), Ohio State's Vic Janowicz (1950), Navy's Roger Staubach (1963), Ohio State's Archie Griffin (1974), Sims (1978), Georgia's Herschel Walker (1982), Oklahoma State's Barry Sanders (1988), Ware (1989) and Detmer (1990).
- Notre Dame has had the most Heisman winners, seven. Other multiple winners are Ohio State, five; Southern Cal, four; Army and Oklahoma, three; Auburn, Georgia, Navy, Nebraska and Yale, two. Another 24 schools have had one winner. Frank Leahy of Notre Dame had four Heisman winners, and Woody Hayes of Ohio State had three. Bear Bryant had only one and it wasn't at Alabama. It was John David Crow of Texas A&M in 1957.
- "One day, we were talking about the Heisman Trophy," recalls Jones Ramsey, Bryant's SID at Texas A&M, "and I told Coach Bryant, 'He (Crow) doesn't have the stats. He's only fourth (rushing) in the (Southwest) Conference.' Coach Bryant thought for a minute, then said, 'Well, he leads the nation in people-run-over.' So we started talking about that."
- The wife of Les Horvath (Ohio State, 1944) couldn't understand why her husband kept making a big deal about his Heisman Trophy. She wanted to throw it out. Horvath's argument lost something when they were living in California and went to visit the Tom Harmons (Michigan, 1940) and then the Glenn Davises (Army, 1946), both of whom had their trophies prominently displayed.

Said Mrs. Horvath upon returning home: "I still don't see what's so special about it. All our friends have one." ■



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at the end of the game. We had Auburn beat but let them come back. We still had a chance to be No. 1, but we couldn't beat Alabama or Notre Dame.

"I look back at it a lot because we came so close. We played four or five of the best teams in the country, and we lost by one play or one catch or one kick. We just couldn't put 'em away."

The 1991 schedule sends Tennessee on the road for games against Louisville, Florida, Alabama and Notre Dame, among others. The series of road challenges, beginning with the Sept. 5 trip to Louisville, could tax a Tennessee team that finds itself in the uncustomary position of filling weaknesses on offense while holding a pat hand on defense.

"Most of the time, we go into the season with everybody ready on offense and holes to fill on defense," Pickens says. "Now we've got everybody coming back on defense. Those guys should be better than last year."

Offensively, Tennessee must replace skill-position players around whom the Vols' success has been built in recent years. The pitcher-catcher tandem of senior Andy Kelly and junior Pickens returns, but there are major shortages elsewhere as coaches look for immediate help from a heralded recruiting class.

Depending upon how quickly those players develop in preseason practice, it would not be surprising to find freshmen and junior college transfers playing significant roles at tailback, fullback and wide receiver.

Three starters are gone from the offensive line, but seniors John Fisher (6–4, 272) and Tom Myslinski (6–2, 285) return at center and left guard respectively. Junior Mike Stowell (6–2, 290) could get first shot at the other guard position. The starting tackles will come from a group that includes seniors Bernard Dafney (6–7, 309), Patrick Lenoir (6–5, 285) and Greg Gerardi (6–7, 265), along with junior Robert Todd (6–5, 258) and sophomore James Warren (6–7, 276).

Seniors Mark Adams (6–3, 245) and Von Reeves (6–2, 248) are back as alternates at tight end for the third year. But the wide receiver spot opposite Pickens is up for grabs among a number of players with limited experience: sophomores Craig Faulkner and Cory Fleming, along with junior college transfers Carlos Bonner and Dwayne Freeman.

Sophomore Ken Campbell will get first shot at the fullback position previously manned by Roland Poles and Greg Amsler. The tailback spot is wide open. Juniors Tavio Henson and Tracy Smith, a pair of converted defensive backs, alternated at tailback during spring practice, but five recruits, headed by Aaron Hayden of Detroit, will get a close look in August. Sophomore Steve Matthews has a grip on the No. 2 quarterback spot.

The picture is decidedly clearer on defense, where the Vols have finally built some depth. Upfront, seniors Chuck Smith (6–4, 236) and Kacy Rodgers (6–3, 253) are projected as starters at the ends, with senior pass-rush specialist Chris Mims (6–6, 261) and junior Todd Kelly (6–4, 254) getting substantial playing time. The top names at tackle are seniors Carey Bailey (6–0, 260), Shazzon Bradley (6–1, 255) and Tom Fuhler (6–5, 285), and juniors J.J. Surlas (6–3, 260) and Jeff Tullis (6–1, 260).

The linebacking corps returns intact for its senior season, with undersized overachiever Shon Walker (6–0, 224) in the middle and Darryl Hardy (6–3, 220) and Earnest Fields (5–10, 239) on the outside.

Carter is a fixture at free safety, with seniors Jeremy Lincoln, Floyd Miley and Dave Thomas and junior J.J. McCleskey in the mix at the cornerback spots, while senior Mark Fletcher and sophomore Roderick Lewis will compete at strong safety.

Sophomore Joey Chapman, who averaged 41.9 yards per punt last year despite inconsistency, returns. Chapman and seniors Jim Gilliam and Kevin Wendelboe will duel for the placekicking spot manned by Greg Burke for the last two years. ■



Fields (23) is Earnest about playing linebacker, so much so he's likely to make All-SEC.

Dale Carter is a standout at free safety and makes use of a mean stiff-arm returning kickoffs.



KENTUCKY

As a frequent spectator in the student section at Rupp Arena, Joey Couch has felt the sound and fury of Kentucky basketball wash over him like a Big Blue storm.

"For a guy who grew up in Kentucky and played high school basketball," Couch says, "there's nothing quite like a game at Rupp Arena."

A few years back, before bulging biceps and too many trap blocks began to play havoc with his jump shot, Couch envisioned himself on the Rupp Arena court, picking and rolling and shooting and scoring beside his old high school teammate, John Pelphrey.

Agile and quick, Couch scored more than 2,000 points in his high school basketball career, playing a complementary role to Pelphrey on one of the best high school teams in the hoops hotbed.

"We don't want to change the way people feel about basketball. We just want it to get like that in football, too. We want to establish our own identity and credibility."

"I like to think I helped him get Mr. Basketball in Kentucky," Couch says of his old teammate.

Couch even made it to the business end of Rupp Arena, hitting the storied floor as a member of the Paintsville High team that played in the Sweet 16 state tournament, as well as participating in the Kentucky-Indiana All-Star series with such basketball luminaries as Deron Feldhaus, Sean Sutton and Pelphrey, among others.

Some dreams die hard but this one succumbed to a natural death. Although he would eventually make various all-star teams in both sports, Couch looked in the mirror one day during his junior year and saw the reflection of a football player. He was a little rough around the edges, not quite sleek enough to make it to the next level in basketball, but physically equipped for the give-and-take on the football field.

Now entering his senior season as a starting defensive lineman at Kentucky, Couch says he has no regrets about his choice of sacks over dunks. He occasionally watches Pelphrey bask in the adoration of Wildcat basketball fans and remembers his futile attempts at talking his old teammate into playing football in high school.

"John punted for us his freshman year," Couch says. "He could've gone to college as a punter, and I was always kidding him about coming back out for football. All we wanted him to do was kick, but I guess John thought he should play quarterback and wide receiver and every other position. It never worked out."

Pelphrey has found his niche and so has Couch. True, Kentucky basketball has a higher profile than the football program, but Couch uses the popularity and excitement of the activities at Rupp Arena as a model for what can happen at Commonwealth Stadium.

"I'll admit I'm kind of envious of the way people feel about Kentucky basketball," says Couch. "A game at Rupp Arena is such a big deal for so many people. We don't want to change the way people feel about basketball. We just want it to get like that in football, too. We want to establish our own identity and credibility."

Last season may have provided a building block toward that objective. The Wildcats finished just 4–7 overall but won three games in the Southeastern Conference and had enough near-misses to heighten expectations after one year of Bill Curry's rebuilding program.

Certainly, Couch is a key component in this upward movement. Recruited as a linebacker after his basketball bubble burst, Couch is at home on the line. He is now 6–1 and 250 pounds, and understands the nuances of the brutal game that begins with the first movement of the ball. Normally lined up face-to-face with the opposing center in the classic middle guard style, Couch uses

A new rule may cause Joey Couch, the Wildcats' outstanding nose guard, to temper his exuberance a bit this year.





When he's healthy, Bell's a dead ringer for an all-star.

■ *KENTUCKY*

his low-to-the-ground physique and surprising agility to police his area.

He's a little rusty on the pick-and-roll, but Couch's roots in high school basketball serve him well in this turf war.

"I move my feet pretty well, which helps keep me off the ground, and my peripheral vision lets me see the blocking scheme develop and get a quick read on where the play is going," he says. "I just get in there and try to fight to the ball, just use the proper technique to get rid of the blocker and make the play."

Middle guard is perhaps the single most physically taxing position on a football field. While the center is normally the first blocker he must confront, Couch also sees a steady diet of double-teams by a slanting guard and an occasional fullback.

"I get out of tough spots," he says. "Sometimes I'm surprised when I look at the film and see everything that was coming at me."

Couch has learned to relish the extraordinary challenges of the position. It wasn't always that way.

"I came to college as a linebacker and I thought that would be the position I would play for four years," he says. "I was always labeled as an athlete, and I thought the guys who were playing in the line weren't really great athletes. I found out that was false. Unless you've been down in there, it just looks like a bunch of big guys pushing on each other, but I learned there is a lot more skill involved in the position than I had thought.

"At first, I had a hard time dealing with it. Putting my hand down on the ground was the toughest thing I've ever had to do in football because that meant I was going to be a lineman instead of a linebacker. It was a hard adjustment, not just physically but also mentally because you're playing in a more restricted area and your assignments are different."

Couch's transformation from stand-up linebacker to down-and-dirty middle guard was made even tougher by his size. He weighed only 220 pounds when he was moved to the defensive line as a redshirt freshman in 1988, leaving him at a distinct disadvantage against the monsters who man the SEC's offensive lines. Moreover, he still wore jersey No. 48, an indication he had been shifted from another position.

"There would be times when you'd see somebody like Ed King at Auburn or one of those big Tennessee linemen look at you, and you knew they were thinking, 'This guy doesn't belong on the line,' " Couch says. "In this league, you've got to be big and strong to compete because everybody's got a good offensive line. Those guys really enjoy a chance to go against a young player who hasn't really grown up or filled out yet.

"The surprising thing is that I did pretty



Free safety Brad Armstead had just one less tackle (83) than Couch.

well against those guys. I guess I didn't know I was supposed to get blocked. I just kept hitting and moving."

Three years later, Couch is still hitting and moving. Despite all the blocking attention which came his way, Couch finished third on the team in tackles last season and led the Wildcats in sacks. He enters his senior year as one of the team's true leaders, a one-time basketball player who now prefers to dribble helmets.

Couch is the anchor of a Kentucky defensive interior that has size, talent and experience. Senior Jerry Bell (6–3, 275) is a quality tackle but an ankle injury and chronic neck problems are concerns. Junior Dean Wells (6–3, 230) and senior Derrick Thomas (6–2, 227) play the outside positions on the Wildcat line.

There will be new faces at the inside linebacker spots. Gone are the team's two leading tacklers, Randy Holleran and Billy Swanson, with sophomore Marty Moore (6–1, 225) and junior Reggie Smith (6–3, 209) stepping into the void. Both played extensively in reserve roles last season.

The multipurpose positions designated "bandit" and "rover" in Kentucky's defensive terminology will be manned by sophomore Duce Williams (6–0, 185) and senior Larry Jackson (5–11, 200) respectively. Both have considerable experience. The three-deep secondary returns intact, with senior Gary Willis at one cornerback and junior Sterling Ward at the other. Junior Brad Armstead will open at free safety.

The biggest question mark on offense concerns the quarterback position, where five players are competing for the starting role. Senior Freddie Maggard started seven games last season but suffered a shoulder injury against North Carolina and underwent surgery during the winter. Others in the chase are juniors Brad Smith and Ryan Hockman, and redshirt freshmen Pookie Jones and Mike Kinney.

Whoever gets the nod at quarterback will operate behind a quality offensive line that returns four of five starters. Senior Greg Lahr (6–5, 270) has started the last 20 games and is a fixture at left tackle. He will line up beside left guard Todd Perry, a 6–4, 265-pound junior. Juniors Matt Branum (6–2, 261) and Travis Hahn (6–3, 255) alternated at center last year, with Hahn able to fill in at other spots across the line. Junior Chuck Bradley (6–5, 278) started all 11 games at right tackle last season while a variety of players, including Chris Reedy (6–3, 240) and Jason Dombroski (6–2, 265), will compete for the right guard position previously manned by Joel Mazzella.

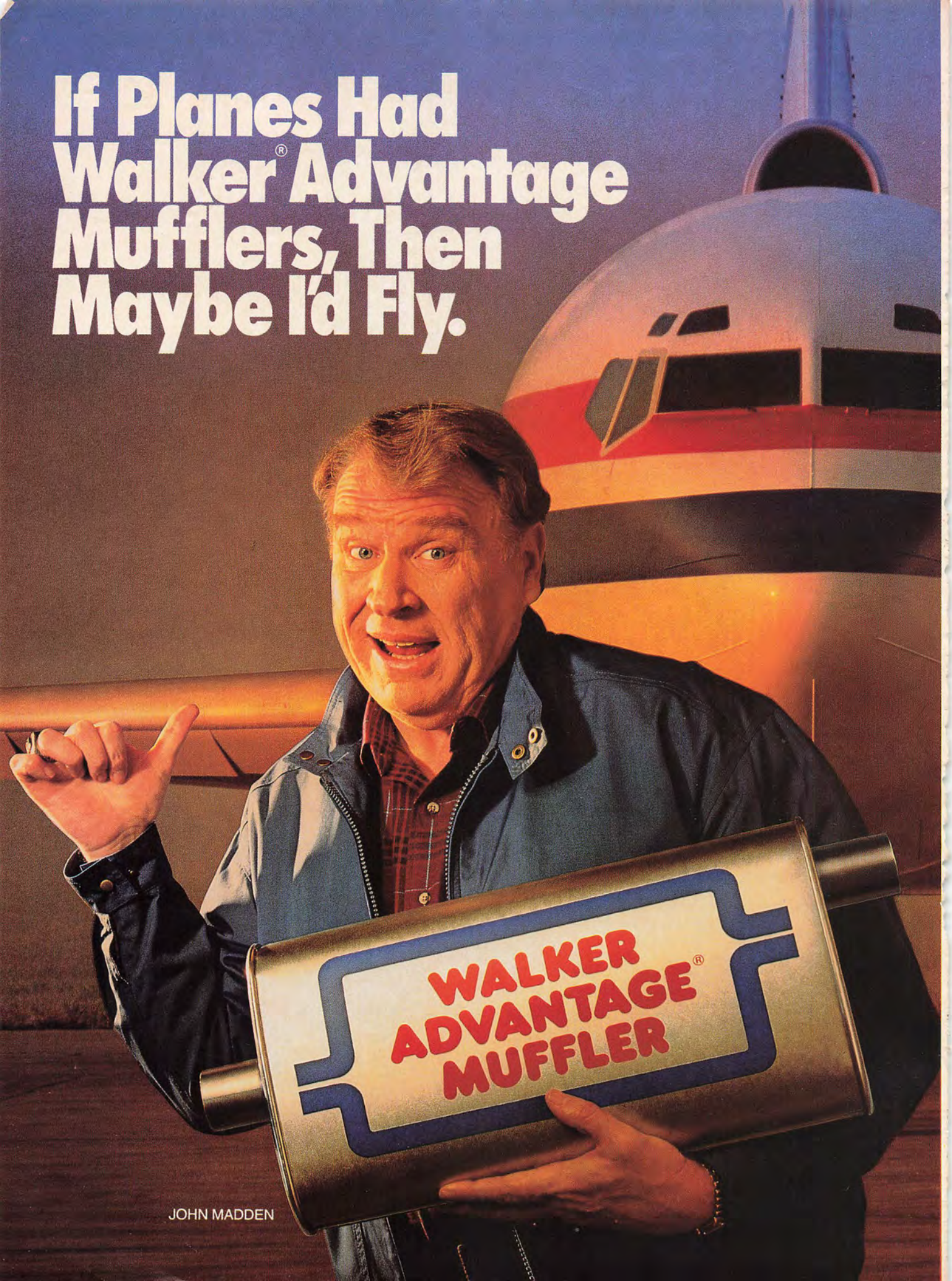
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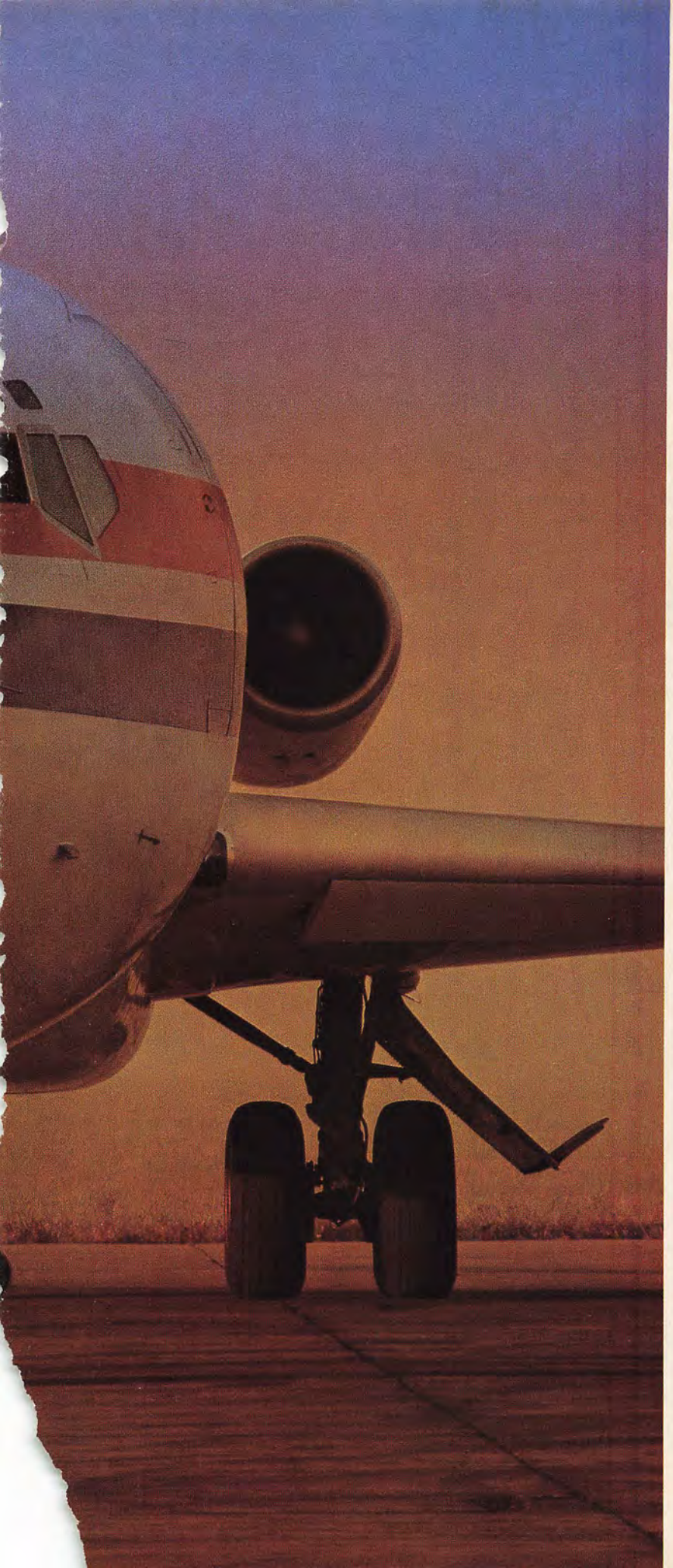
The skill positions will feature a number of new players, with senior Mike Thomas and sophomore Terry Samuels projected as the starting running backs. Junior Neil Page (6–4, 250) started two games last year and heads the list at tight end. Neal Clark, Brian Evans and Kurt Johnson are the top names at wide receiver.

Senior Bill Hawk returns after ranking fifth in the SEC in punting last year, while junior Doug Pelfrey is back to handle placekicking duties. ■

It won't be a snap, but Freddie Maggard should regain the starting role at quarterback.

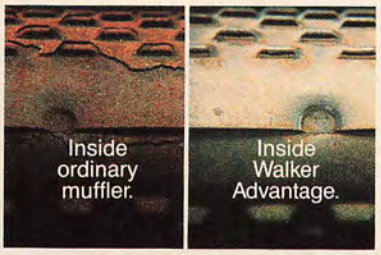



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Spurred Gators Eye Title

by John McBryde
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

OK, Florida. Boosters behaving? Coaching staff on the up-and-up? Good. Then go win yourself a Southeastern Conference football championship—and this time you can display the trophy.

Three times in the last seven years (1984, '85 and '90), the Gators have played well enough to earn first place. But because of NCAA violations, they were ineligible for the title on all three occasions.

Now, with second-year Coach Steve Spurrier at the controls and the weight of probation lifted, Florida is optimistic about winning its first-ever SEC crown.

Most of the enthusiasm centers around the seven offensive starters returning from last year's 9–2 team. The unit is led by quarterback Shane Matthews, who was named the starter just before the 1990 season began. To show his gratitude, he passed for 2,952 yards and 23 touchdowns and earned SEC Player of the Year honors. The Gators' backfield tandem of Errict Rhett and Willie McClendon combined for 1,476 rushing yards. Center Cal Dixon was all-conference.

Defensively, Florida lost six starters from 1990, but three of the top five tacklers return: inside linebacker Tim Paulk, gatorback Ephesians Bartley and tackle Brad Culpepper. Free safety Will White, who had seven interceptions, was All-America.

If the conference championship were decided by just one game, then it would be the Gators' Nov. 2 clash at Auburn. Like Florida, the Tigers are geared to make a title run.

Granted, Auburn may not be in high gear—half of last year's starters are gone—but Coach Pat Dye has done better with less. And the Tigers certainly won't be hurting for lack of a quarterback.

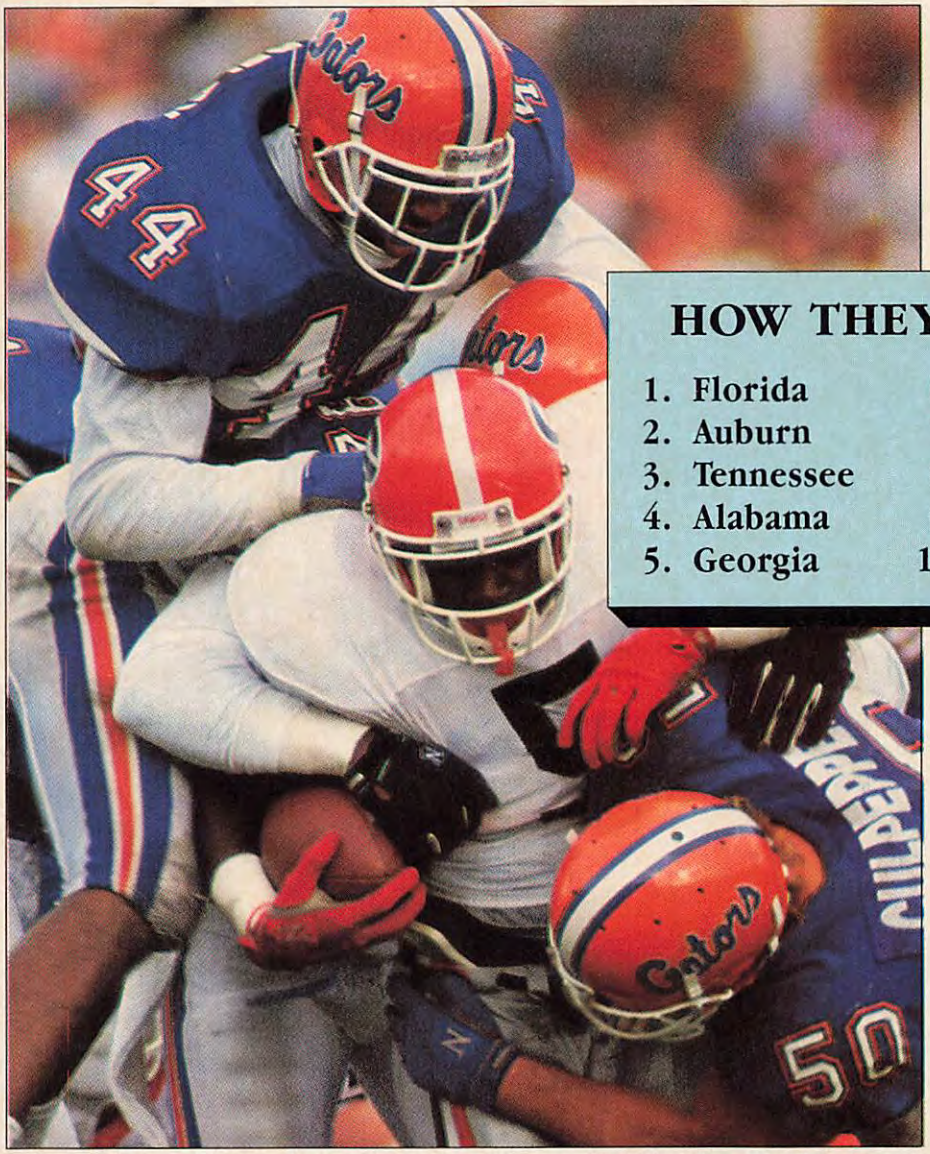
Stan White, a redshirt freshman last season, may be Auburn's best signal-caller since his quarterbacks coach, 1971 Heisman Trophy winner Pat Sullivan, played the position for the Tigers. White passed for 2,242 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Auburn's top two tacklers in '90 return. Inside linebackers James Willis and Darrel Crawford combined for 241 stops. Nose guard Walter Tate is a solid All-SEC candidate.

Defending conference champion Tennessee should be right in the thick of things. But the Volunteers have to rebuild on offense. Three-fifths of the line and both running backs have departed. Quarterback Andy Kelly, who threw for 2,241 yards last season, will have wide receiver Carl Pickens (53 catches for 917 yards) to go to again.

Tennessee's defense, which returns every starter but one, could be the SEC's best. Tops

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With the likes of Ephesians Bartley (44) and Brad Culpepper, Florida's defense should dominate.

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5. Georgia
6. LSU
7. Mississippi
8. Kentucky
9. Mississippi State
10. Vanderbilt

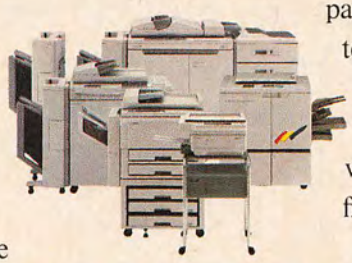


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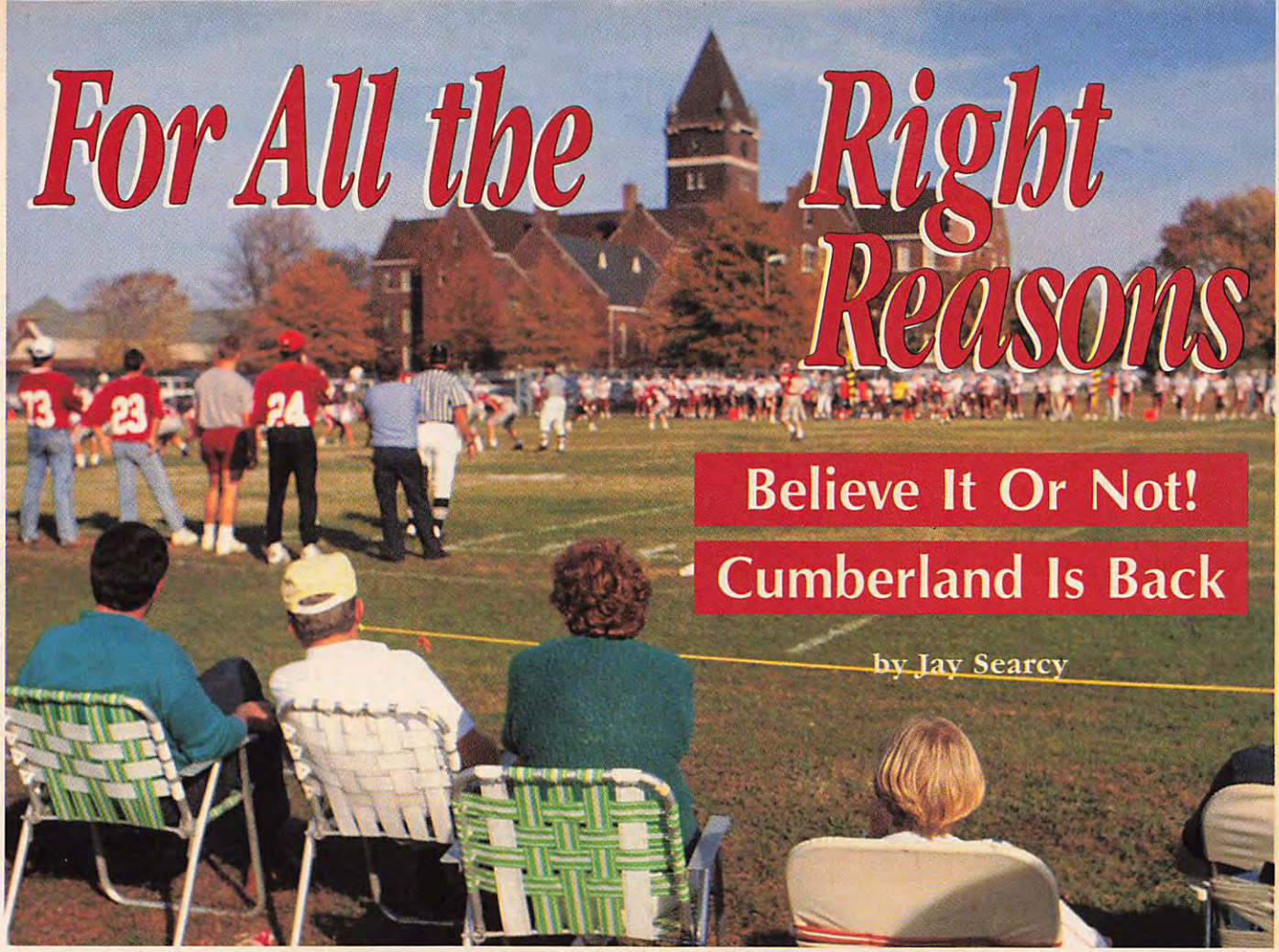


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For All the Right Reasons



Believe It Or Not! Cumberland Is Back

by Jay Searcy

Cumberland University didn't win a football game last season. Hard to believe, but the school president and athletic director are ecstatic about it. Not about losing. They're ecstatic because Cumberland fielded a football team for the first time in 41 years, and did it "for all the right reasons."

"It was everything we hoped for," says Dr. Thomas Mills, the school president whose idea it was to bring football back from the dead at Cumberland. "Every goal was accomplished."

You've heard of Cumberland. It was that little law school in Lebanon, Tenn., that got into the *Guinness Book of World Records* and *Ripley's Believe It or Not!* by losing to Georgia Tech 222–0 in 1916. John Heisman, for whom the Heisman Trophy is named, was coach of the national powerhouse Tech team that year. And he ran up the score on purpose. Heisman wanted to attract attention to his football program and enhance his chances for a national championship. So his Yellow Jackets set a record for one-sided college football games that gray October afternoon in Atlanta, and football fans have been making jokes about Cumberland ever since.

Or they were until last year. That was when a gritty group of Cumberland freshmen, not one of them on scholarship and not one of whom had ever played a down of college football, took on an eight-game NAIA Division II (no athletic scholarships) schedule. They earned new respect for their old school.

"These were young men who probably could not play for Tennessee or Georgia Tech or Notre Dame," Mills says in understatement, "but they still wanted to play (college) football. What it has done is to bring a spirit to the campus and to the community that is outstanding.

"It accomplished those things we wanted to accomplish. We wanted to accomplish increased enrollment. It did that, which resulted in additional revenue. More than that, it brought to the university a group of young men who were top quality academically as well as athletically. And although we didn't win a game, we strengthened our program."

Freshman and transfer enrollment increased 47 percent over the previous year. Total enrollment went up 20 percent (to 685). And in spite of start-up costs—new field house, press box, fencing, equipment, uniforms and coaching staff—the school made money on the football program, even with a season ticket, good for five games and a parking space, costing only $25.

Mills, a former high school halfback from Richmond, Va., who worked his way through college, had used non-scholarship football to help bail out troubled, debt-ridden Waynesburg State in Pennsylvania. In his six years as president at Waynesburg, enrollment increased from 707 to 1,135, the school climbed out of debt and the endowment fund doubled.

Mills believes in old-fashioned discipline: courtesy, proper dress, no hats worn inside any building, no alcohol on campus. And he tells every student, "If you're not serious about college, we don't want you here."

Until Mills arrived, few people knew, least of all Cumberland students, that the Bulldogs were once a national football power. In 1903, for instance, Cumberland went 8–1–1 and was co-champion of the South after a Thanksgiving Day tie with Clemson (coached by Heisman). That year, the law school opened with a 6–0 victory over Vanderbilt, the first game of a week-long road trip that also included victories over Tulane, Louisiana State, Mississippi A&M (now Mississippi State), Alabama and Grant University of Atlanta.

Cumberland hasn't had a law school since 1961 and fielded its last football team in 1949, two years after one of its most notable victories, a 6–0 win over Florida State. (In fairness to Florida State, that was the year the school changed its name from Florida State

College for Women to Florida State University and admitted men for the first time.)

Today, Cumberland is a private, independent liberal arts college with just under 700 students on a charming 43-acre campus 25 miles from Nashville. Its most famous graduate, Cordell Hull, was not a football player but Secretary of State under President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Another graduate, George Allen, who organized the celebrated 222–0 game, became an advisor to several presidents.

The school, which will be 150 years old in 1992, closed just once—in 1862, when its campus was caught between Confederate and Union armies—and its buildings were burned to the ground in 1863 during a Civil War battle.

Football, started at Cumberland in 1894, was dropped by the school five times for various reasons, most of them having to do with money. So when Mills arrived as the new president in August of 1989 committed to doubling the enrollment and raising $11 million in five years, his idea of restoring football raised a few eyebrows.

"I never heard of Cumberland until they asked me to come here and a board member told me about being in the *Guinness Book of World Records* because of that game," Mills says. "But it didn't matter because I knew what a football team could do for a university and for a community. My primary interest was to create some spirit and excitement. I never dreamed it would snowball like this."



School President Mills revived a dead program.

But snowball it did. Once Mills let it be known that the school would field a football team, sportswriters across America went to their files for accounts of the famous 1916 game, generally considered to be the worst game ever played. Their stories were sprinkled with myths, embellishments and unbelievable facts. Cumberland, whose football teams rarely had made the cover of a metropolitan sports section, suddenly found itself featured on the front pages of sports sections all over America, including *The New York Times, The Philadelphia Inquirer* and *USA TODAY*. Even a Japanese paper picked up the story.

Mills never had to advertise for a coach. Applications from coaches and prospective players flooded the school from all over the country.

Without knowing it, Mills had turned a negative into a positive, and Cumberland was capturing the hearts of America. One of the university's board members gave Mills a T-shirt with a message on the front that became a motto: "Cumberland Football—For All The Right Reasons."

Nick Coutras, 55, whose successes had made him something of a high school coaching legend in Nashville before his early retirement in 1984, was chosen head coach in December of 1989 from more than 50 applicants.

For All The



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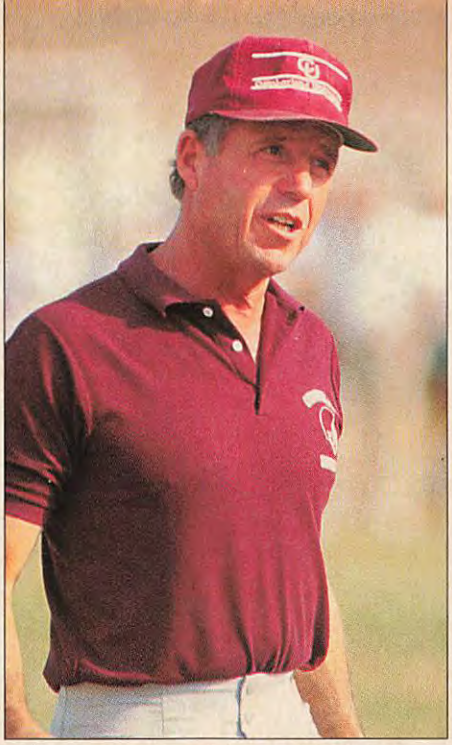
Right Reasons

Coutras had no players and no staff. No uniforms. No blocking sleds. No locker room. No scholarships. No schedule. No stadium. No experience at recruiting. His job was to put a team on the field in nine months. Most of the players he would recruit at that late date had been picked over by other colleges. "And I had nothing to show them," Coutras says. "Nothing but a promise and a dream."

Eighty-two prospective football players from New York to Florida showed up in August for the first practice, including a 28-year-old Cottontown, Tenn., farmer whose father had played on the last Cumberland team.

When the Bulldogs ran onto the field for their first game last September, wearing their spanking new red-and-white uniforms, an overflow crowd of almost 5,000 spectators, many of whom had been waiting since a morning parade, greeted them. A new press box, whose windows were hurriedly cut the morning of the game, was chock-full of visiting sportswriters. Television crews from nearby Nashville were on the sidelines.

Spectators filled the 2,500 borrowed bleacher seats, sat in lawn chairs, on blankets, in the backs of flatbed trucks, and those standing formed a ring around the field. Mostly they were moms and dads and sisters and brothers and cousins and uncles and



Nick Coutras succeeded even without winning.

alumni. But also they were the townspeople who had donated the materials, money, equipment, labor and skills to build the new field house (completed in about two months).

The school president, who carried concrete blocks and drove nails along with the others, sat on the 50-yard line with his wife. A band played. Cheerleaders yelled themselves hoarse. A seasoned Campbellsville, Ky., college team whipped the young Bulldogs 34–0, and everybody went home happy.

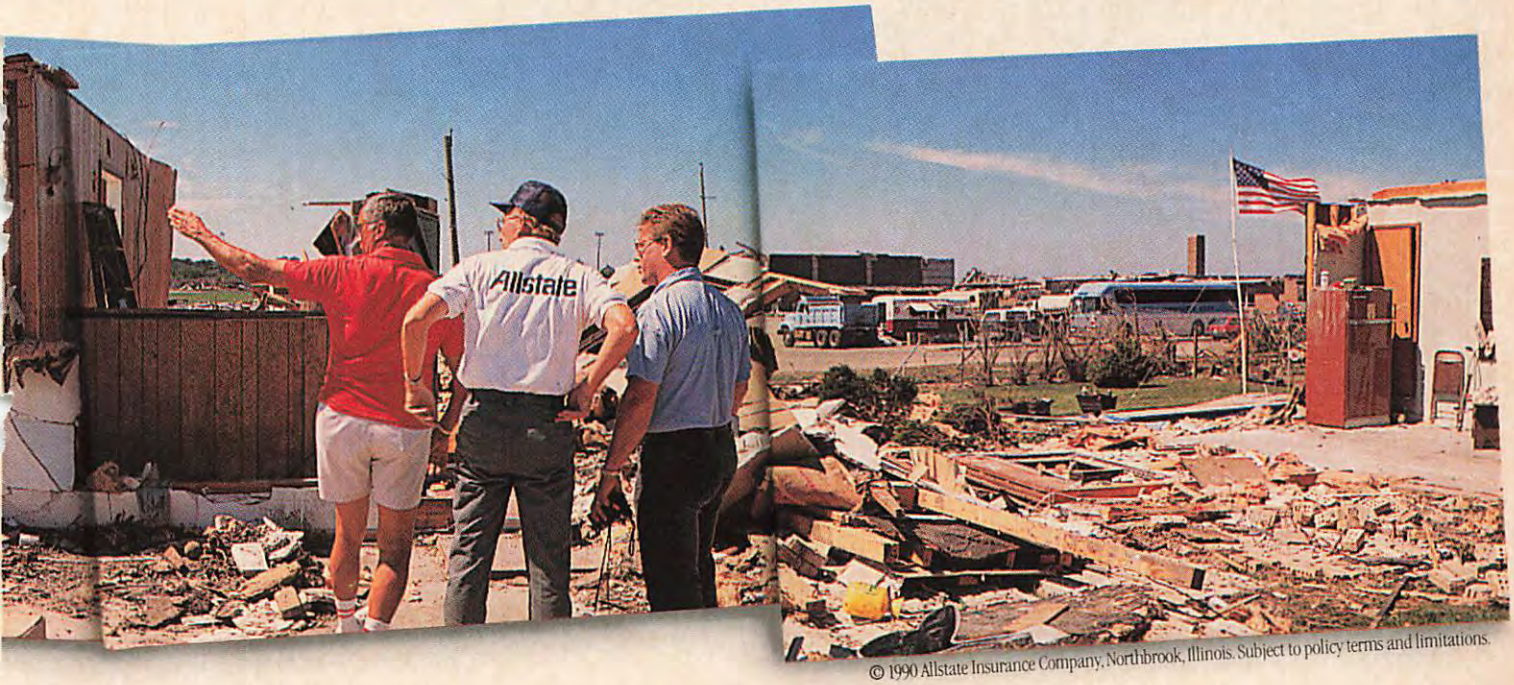
"It was a fun, fun day," Mills says. "The community responded beautifully."

On Monday after the opening game, the Cumberland football team got eight minutes on *The Today Show.*

"Obviously that 222–0 game is what attracted so much attention to us," says Coutras, the only full-time coach on a staff of six. "But once people saw what was going on, they became enchanted with us and soon forgot about it."

Well, maybe they pushed the story aside, but who would ever forget that 1916 team? It was made up of law students and campus volunteers and a Nashville sportswriter who played under an assumed name. The game is a part of college football lore, but few know how the game came about or why it was played. The facts were so exaggerated over the years, even those who played in it contradicted one another at a 1956 reunion in Atlanta.

Many single-game records that probably never will be broken were set in that game (the NCAA wasn't formed until 1937 and doesn't recognize records before then). They



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In honor of Cumberland's football tradition, Coach Coutras and his 1990 team posed just like the school's 1903 co-champion of the South.

included most touchdowns (32), most players to score touchdowns for one team (11), most points scored in one quarter (63), most points scored in a half (126). The list goes on and on.

Cumberland never made a first down, fumbled 10 times and lost all 10 (three were returned for touchdowns), had six of its 11 passes intercepted (five were returned for touchdowns), had five of its 11 punts returned for touchdowns, and the Bulldogs' leading ground gainer of the day, Morris Gougher, ended the game with minus two yards.

Grantland Rice wrote that Cumberland's best play occurred when fullback Allen circled right end for a 6-yard loss. But a play-by-play account of the game put together years later by Georgia Tech disputed that. Cumberland completed a 10-yard pass and once gained five yards on the ground, according to the play-by-play.

Tech scored on every possession, 10 times on first down, and never needed more than three downs to score. The Yellow Jackets rushed for 501 yards, averaging 17.3 per rush. They had no minus yardage, never threw a pass, never punted, accumulated 1,179 total yards and averaged 3.8 points a minute. Tech's top runner, Everett Strupper, a 1917 All-American, scored 65 points.

There is some disagreement about why the game was played, but Dr. Frank Burns, a 1943 Cumberland graduate and former Cumberland professor who is working on a 150th-year history of the university, says he knows. His uncle, John Burns, an 11-letter athlete and student manager of athletics at Cumberland in 1915-16, made up the 1916 schedule.

"In the spring of 1916, he wrote a number of colleges to arrange football games for the following fall," according to Dr. Burns, "including Georgia Tech."

But John Burns did not return to school for the 1916-17 school year, and meanwhile, the school president, Samuel A. Coile, resigned. Homer Hill, chairman of the faculty and acting president, decided, because of finances, not to field a football team that year. Letters were written to all the schools on the schedule except Georgia Tech, which was overlooked.

When Heisman finally learned that Cumberland was not planning to fulfill its game contract, he was furious. He wrote the school: "I hereby offer you the sum of $500 and an all-expenses-paid trip to Atlanta for your football team on the condition that you honor your contract by participating in and completing the Cumberland-Georgia Tech football game. . . . However, if this offer is refused . . . I shall be forced to demand that your school reimburse the Tech athletic department in the amount of $3,000 for losses from the projected net gate receipts."

With the promise of a luxurious Pullman ride to Atlanta, all expenses paid and a $500 prize, Allen, acting as student manager and coach, put together a team to challenge Tech (Cumberland played at least two other games that year, losing one to Sewanee 107–0).

On Friday, Oct. 6, 1916, 16 players left on a train for Atlanta. Some had played the season before. Some had never played.

When the train stopped in Nashville, an attempt was made to enlist some Vanderbilt players, but that stratagem backfired. Vanderbilt had a game that weekend. During the stopover, three Cumberland team members got lost and missed the train. The Bulldogs ran onto the field the next day in Atlanta with only 13 players.

Perhaps the most revealing play of the game came late when a Cumberland player fumbled, and the ball rolled toward a teammate.

"Pick it up," shouted the fumbler.

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Seminoles Hit Jackpot

by Bill Buchalter

When Florida State signed Marquette Smith and Derrick Brooks, *USA TODAY*'s Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year, even Coach Bobby Bowden was surprised. Bowden's Seminoles have finished the last four seasons ranked in the top four of the wire service polls, a reflection of recruiting success.

But even Bowden was taken aback by the quality of the 1991 class that nudged Tennessee and Florida to rank as Dixie's finest, in this the Seminoles' final season as a major independent. In 1992, Florida State will be eligible to compete as a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

This was not a year when one or two schools dominated. This year everybody got a share of the talent-rich player market, a year that only national players of the year could separate Florida State from the rest.

Smith (5–9, 190), a running back from Winter Park (Fla.) Lake Howell, rushed for 6,733 career yards and 88 career touchdowns. His yardage ranks No. 3 all-time in Florida and 19th nationally but is the best ever for a player in a state's highest classification. Brooks (6–1, 205), who played linebacker at Pensacola Washington, is projected as a defensive back who also earned the Dial Award as America's top scholar-athlete.

"When I first came to Florida State," Bowden said, "we couldn't beat Alabama or Auburn or Florida for a great player. Now, we can beat Alabama or Auburn on a great Florida kid and we break even with Florida.

"I never would have expected us to get both (Smith and Brooks). I think from top to bottom, this group may be as good as we've gotten."

It was good because recruiting coordinator Ronnie Cottrell, in his rookie season, was determined for the Seminoles to meet their needs. That meant signing offensive and defensive linemen and shoring up the kicking game.

Florida State signed 10 linemen, including *Parade* magazine All-America blockers Greg Frey (6–5, 275) of Clearwater, Fla., Forrest Conoly (6–7, 328) of Berlin, Conn., and Clay Shiver (6–3, 255) of Tifton (Ga.) Tift County, plus Kelly Rush (6–6, 260), a junior college All-America defensive lineman from Garden City (Kan.) Community College. Cottrell also convinced Bowden to offer a scholarship to punter Scott Holmes of Brentwood (Tenn.) Academy.

Thus, Smith and Brooks were among a half-dozen bonuses signed by the Seminoles to separate them from the rest of Dixie's recruiting classes and enable them to join Penn State and Michigan as the nation's best.

Tennessee's class, engineered by Tim Mingey, is loaded with both quality and size. Few schools could match the Tennessee Towers, a one-two-three line trio of Leslie Ratliffe (6–9, 280) of Newport, Ark., Tony Robinson (6–7, 240) of Memphis Frayser and Jason Layman (6–6, 265) of Sevierville (Tenn.) Sevier County.

Complementing those big guys, Tennessee signed touted quarterback Heath Shuler of Bryson City (N.C.) Swain County, who was sought by everybody in the SEC and ACC before deciding Knoxville was closer to home than Chapel Hill.

Tennessee also recruited one of the nation's better running back classes, led by Aaron Hayden (6–1, 205) of Detroit Mumford, Jesse Sanders (5–10, 195) of Sebring, Fla., and All-Southern selection Kendrick Jones (5–10, 180) of Collierville, Tenn.

Florida also enjoyed the fruits of success, signing one of the nation's best secondary groups and one of the better linebacker classes, and complemented the group by signing *USA TODAY* All-America blocker Scott Joslyn (6–4, 295) of Orlando (Fla.) Evans.

Defensive backs were an immediate Gator need, and junior college All-American Lawrence Hatch (6–2, 177) of Orange Coast JC in Costa Mesa, Calif., brings instant impact. Hatch returned five kicks more than 50 yards. Other signees include All-California Juco Jimmy Owens (5–9, 170) of San Bernardino Valley CC, and prep stars Larry Kennedy (5–11, 185) of Sarasota (Fla.) Riverview and Carlton Pouncy (5–11, 181) of Kissimmee (Fla.) Osceola.

Owens already is in school for spring practice. Kennedy signed a year ago with Ohio State but failed to qualify academically. He did not enroll and worked in Columbus until the winter, then returned to Sarasota and signed with the Gators. Pouncy was picked to play in the Florida-Georgia all-star game.

Florida's linebacker signees are led by a pair of All-Americans, *Parade*'s Kevin Carter (6–5, 235) of Tallahassee (Fla.) Lincoln and *Gridwire*'s Alfred Smith (6–3, 225) of Coffeyville (Kan.) JC.

Georgia also recruited a Top 10 class, followed closely by Alabama, SEC newcomer South Carolina and Auburn in the Top 20, and Kentucky in the Top 25.

The Bulldogs got the quarterback they wanted in Eric Zeier (6–2, 200) of Marietta, Ga., some big linemen and lots of linebackers. Zeier is *USA TODAY*'s first-team All-America quarterback.

Alabama signed a number of top linebackers, led by the state's top prospect in Dameian Jeffries (6–5, 240) of Sylacauga (Ala.) B.B. Comer and some top receivers, including tight end Tony Johnson (6–5, 240) of Como (Miss.) North Panola. Auburn signed one of America's top running back classes, led by Roymon Malcolm (6–3, 200) of Ruston, La., Ted Yarbrough (5–11, 185) of Blakely (Ga.) Early County, and James Bostic (6–1, 215) of Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) Dillard. A late signing of running back Damon Hood (6–2, 205), Kentucky's top prospect, from Bowling Green Warren Central, enhanced UK's class.

Now, in alphabetical order, the SEC and major Southern independents:

ALABAMA

In addition to receivers and linebackers, the Tide signed a number of quality offensive linemen, led by Jon Stevenson (6–4, 285) of Memphis (Tenn.) Christian Brothers, and defensive linemen, led by Junior College All-American John Copeland (6–4, 265) of Hinds (Miss.) CC. Tommy Johnson (5–11, 175), a Florida Super Senior at cornerback or receiver from Niceville, lends versatility, while quarterback Brian Burgdorf (6–2, 175) of Cedartown, Ga., brings his passing skills to Tuscaloosa.

AUBURN

Running backs have been mentioned. Other strengths of this recruiting class are defensive backs and receivers. Florida Super Senior defensive back Brian Robinson (6–3, 185) is one of four Fort Lauderdale Dillard players to sign with the Tigers. The receivers feature the speed of Floridians Robert Scott (6–0, 175) of Winter Haven and Derick Whitehurst (5–10, 175) of Pensacola Escambia, both national-class sprinters. Complementing them is linebacker Andre Miller (6–3, 215) of Meridian, Mississippi's player of the year.

FLORIDA

Despite Coach Steve Spurrier's propensity for offense, the Gators signed standout defenders such as Georgia all-stater Henry McMillian (6–4, 270) of Folkston Charlton County and linebacker Antwan Chiles (6–3, 235) of Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) Cardinal Gibbons. The offense wasn't neglected as Spurrier landed some highly regarded receivers, led by national-caliber track sprinter Edward West (5–10, 182) of Miami Carol City and tight end Jeremy Kennedy (6–4, 225) of Oklahoma

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FLORIDA ST.

It can be difficult going to bat in your own hometown, particularly if your name is Casey. But for William Casey Weldon, approaching his senior season as Florida State's quarterback, the hard times would appear gone.

He stands 6–2, weighs 198, and when he puts on a helmet he is a ringer, in more ways than a couple, for Joe Montana.

While the rest of the world calls him Casey, teammates call him Joe.

"They try to say it's just the helmet," Weldon says, grinning. "And I try to say it is the way I play."

On the latter point, you would get no argument from Florida or Penn State—nor any of Florida State's last six opponents during a 10–2 run in 1990 that brought a final No. 4 rank nationally following a 24–17 conquest of the Nittany Lions in the inaugural Blockbuster Bowl.

No quarterback may have been as effective as Weldon in his last six games. Against Florida he was 13 of 23 for 325 yards—an astonishing 25 yards per completion.

Weldon is 6–0 as a starter, and there are those in Tallahassee who will bet you he'll be 19–0 after this season.

For the Seminoles, 13–0 and the national championship are possible, given a 12-game regular season starting with Brigham Young in the Disneyland Pigskin Classic in Anaheim on Aug. 29.

That opener could be a classic pairing of the top two returning quarterbacks in last season's pass-efficiency ratings: BYU's Ty Detmer, the Heisman Trophy winner, at 155.9 and Weldon at 152.7. Detmer threw over three times as many passes as Weldon, 562 to 182, but had seven times as many interceptions, 28 to 4. Detmer was far in front in touchdown passes, 41 to 12.

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Will White, the fine Florida defensive back, said he could never find Weldon, that he sort of hid behind his line. The fact seems to be that Weldon leans a bit; he does a good job of hiding the ball—not showing it to a foe as quickly as some quarterbacks.

But until his first start last Oct. 27 against LSU, Weldon had been viewed as a talented quarterback who lacked something.

"He was high, low, left, right—and often intercepted," says Mark Richt, the Seminoles' quarterback coach. "He wasn't accurate or consistent."

Richt was speaking primarily of the spring of 1990, when Weldon lost the starting job to his best friend, Brad Johnson. Weldon was crushed. Now he says it may have been a blessing. He took a long look at himself.

"My priorities were not right," says Weldon, who is married and has a daughter. "It was always me and football before my wife and daughter. I needed to get my personal and spiritual life right. That happened during the summer.

"I had wanted to be the No. 1 quarterback for all the wrong reasons, as a way to future security for myself and my family. I wanted to be a star, and anything less than perfect was not good enough."

Interwoven in the pressure Weldon had felt was the fact that he had been recruited out of Tallahassee's North Florida Christian High, a relatively small school.

"I wanted to prove the small-school boy could do it," he says. "I wanted to be successful in my hometown.

"In the spring (of 1990) my childhood dream was right in front of me, and I just wanted to make it perfect. I put a lot of strain on myself, instead of just playing the right way and letting God do what He wanted (me) to do."

Though Weldon is the likely starter in '91, Johnson could still see plenty of action. Both head into their last season providing extraordinary insurance for

When it comes to now-you-see-it, now-you-don't stuff, Seminole quarterback Casey Weldon has few peers.


NOLES



Quarterbacks tend to get skittish when confronted by Kirk Carruthers.

the Seminoles' chances should something happen to either.

"I never met a better person in my life than Brad," Weldon says. "Brad and I do everything together: play tennis, golf, bowl, cards."

The taller Johnson (6–6, 215) had passing figures quite comparable to Weldon's last season. He completed 67 percent of his 163 throws for 1,136 yards and eight touchdowns.

There's another hot quarterback behind these two: junior Charlie Ward, a gifted athlete who was a starting point guard for Florida State's basketball team.

Still, Weldon is the man the Seminoles look to in their quest for the national title. For four straight seasons the Seminoles have finished no worse than No. 4. Twice they were No. 3, once No. 2.

Weldon has the intangibles, the Montana-like quality of making something out of nothing, of running if need be, of getting the ball into the hands of the right receiver.

"When Casey is out there, you can never loaf or give up on your pattern," says wide receiver Shannon Baker. "He can get that ball to you in a heartbeat."

Florida State has just five starters missing —three on offense, two on defense—from last year's team.

Lost on offense were wide receiver Lawrence Dawsey, along with tackle Hayward Haynes and tight end Reggie Johnson. But Florida State's explosive offense shouldn't suffer.

Junior tailback Amp Lee, who scored 18 touchdowns last year, is back. He rushed for 825 yards on 158 carries and caught 34 passes for 360 yards.

"You would have to rank him with the best four or five runners we've ever had," says Florida State Coach Bobby Bowden. "He's got something you can't coach, something that makes people miss him. Amp will run into a pile, and he slithers out somehow."

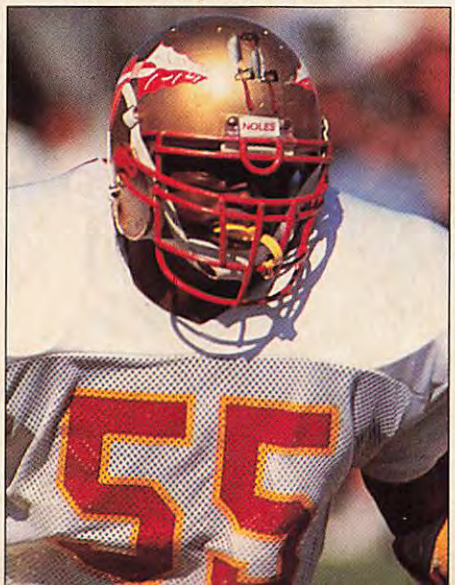
Also returning to the backfield is senior Edgar Bennett, whom Bowden believes may be college football's best fullback.

Like Lee, Bennett has superb hands. Fast enough to play tailback, the 222-pound Bennett is a formidable blocker and caught 35 passes last season.

Depth is good at fullback. It includes experienced senior Paul Moore.

As much as the team may miss Dawsey, there's hardly any lack of excellent receivers. For all his speed, Baker, a junior, may have trouble retaining starting status. Matt Frier, a sure-handed sophomore, was ahead of Baker on the depth chart at one point in the spring. Another promising sophomore, Kevin Knox, may be the other starting wide receiver. Pressing him is junior Eric Turral.

Foes don't like facing Marvin Jones.



Tight end could be a trouble spot, but some think the Seminoles will simply be replacing one very-good Johnson, Reggie, with another. Lonnie Johnson (6–3, 220), a sophomore and no relation, could do with a little more heft, but coaches liked his look even before spring practice. Other promising sophomores are Warren Hart (6–2, 260) and Marvin Ferrell (6–6, 250).

The interior line is solid, anchored by junior center Robbie Baker (6–5, 240). He's flanked by two returning senior starters, guards Reggie Dixon (6–2, 278) and Mike Morris (6–2, 277). Senior Kevin Mancini (6–3, 272) returns at one tackle, and junior Robert Stevenson (6–3, 272) likely will play tackle on the opposite side.

Defensively, the Seminoles are exceptionally equipped. Among the nine returning starters is possibly the best inside-linebacking twosome around.

Senior Kirk Carruthers (6–2, 212) and sophomore Marvin Jones (6–2, 220) combined for 255 tackles in 1990. As a true freshman, Jones led the team with 133 tackles, 73 unassisted. He performed extraordinarily well in big games, including last year's losses to Auburn and Miami.

Senior Howard Dinkins (6–2, 220) is a sack specialist returning at one outside linebacker, and sophomore Sterling Palmer (6–7, 257) or junior Reggie Freeman (6–3, 236) likely will get the call at the other.

The Ostaszewski twins—Henry and Joe, each 6–3 and 260—are back for their final season. Henry is a returning starter at one tackle, while Joe is a capable nose guard who likely will play behind senior James Chaney (5–11, 250). Junior Troy Sanders (6–2, 272) gets the call at the other tackle.

Florida State will have depth on the line from players out with injuries last year, most notably Dan Footman (6–5, 255).

The secondary should rank with the best. Junior Terrell Buckley, who led the team with six interceptions, and senior Errol McCorvey, who had four, are the cornerbacks. Buckley scored twice on interception returns, and he also returned two punts for scores. Junior Leon Fowler is back at free safety, and redshirt freshman Steve Gilmer likely will start at strong safety.

A replacement must be found for placekicker Richie Andrews, who scored 91 points last season. Junior John Wimberly, who averaged 39.9 yards, is the punter.

With a schedule that includes Brigham Young, Michigan, Syracuse, Miami and Florida, the Seminoles have a tough challenge ahead of them.

"We've got to hit the ground running," says Bowden. ■

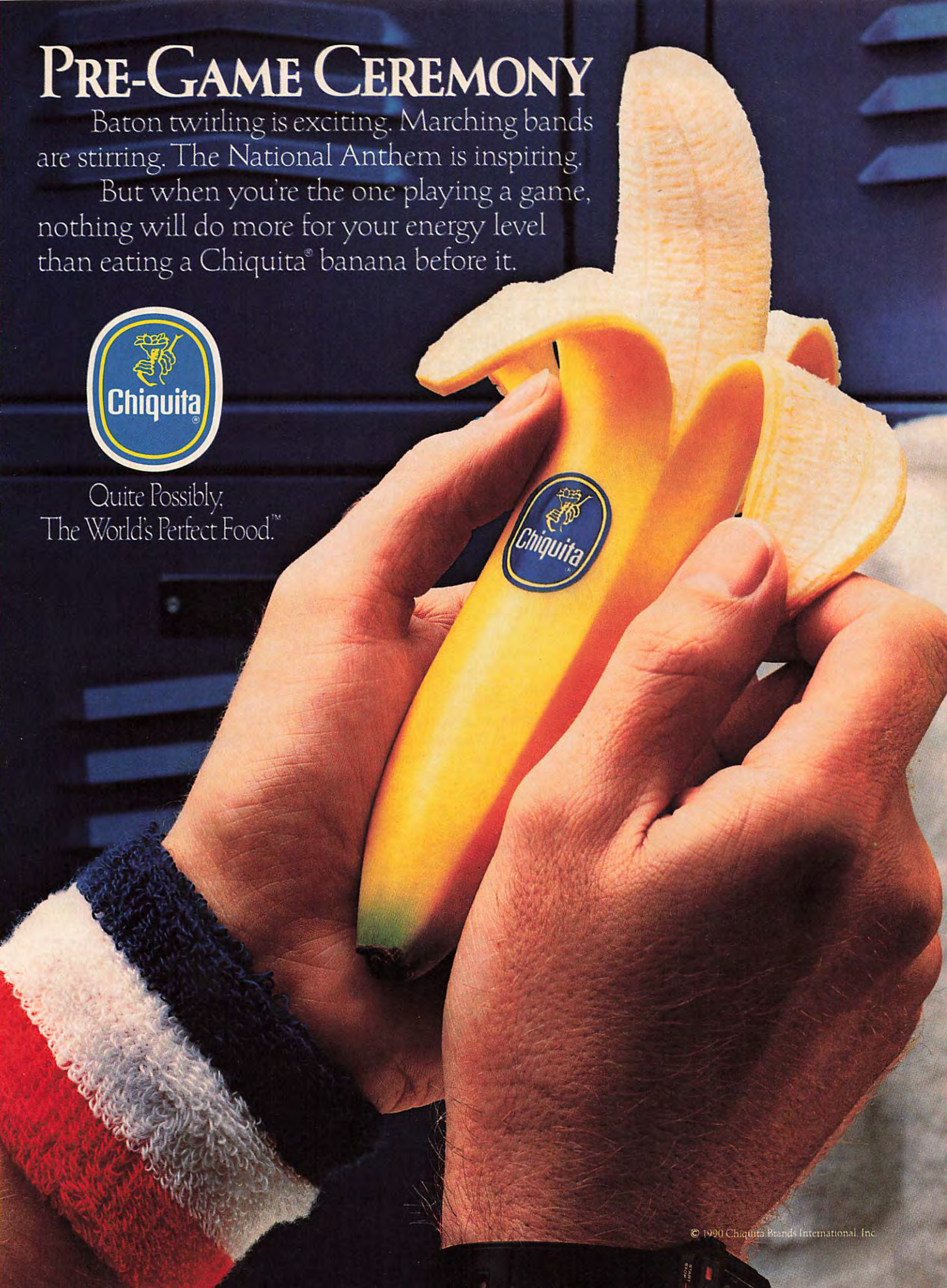
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Derriel McCorvey, a 6–1, 194-pound junior strong safety who made 76 tackles and intercepted two passes last season for Louisiana State, was one of the primary reasons the Tigers led the SEC in pass defense.

But he doesn't consider himself the best defender in his family. Derriel bestows that honor on older brother Quenton, who was the leader of a United States Army Patriot missile team last February in Saudi Arabia.

"I'll never forget the night the war started," Derriel says. "I was eating in the cafeteria when somebody said they'd heard the news on TV. I got a cold feeling deep down inside."

"One night I was half-watching CNN, and I heard this familiar voice talking. . . . It was Quenton. He had shot down either the first or second (Scud) missile fired at Dhahran, Saudi Arabia."

Not only was Quenton McCorvey in the Persian Gulf, but so was Roderick McCorvey, another brother of Derriel's.

"We weren't exactly sure where they were," Derriel says. "All we knew was that Roderick was a communications specialist in Saudi Arabia and that Quenton was a missile specialist. The Patriot missiles were sort of secret then.

"But one night I was half-watching CNN, and I heard this familiar voice talking. I looked up and it was Quenton. He had shot down either the first or second (Scud) missile fired at Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. He was saying that he was from an athletic background and that he had had a lot of competitive highs, but nothing like he had experienced by shooting down that missile.

"I couldn't believe it was him. Everybody started calling and asking, 'Man, was that your brother?' It really made me proud."

The McCorvey family is one of Derriel's favorite subjects. He is the youngest of 10 children: Angela, Simp, Mario, Herman, Roderick, Craig, Quenton, Errol, Carmon and Derriel. Seven already have their college degrees. Errol, a starting cornerback at Florida State, Derriel and Carmon are working toward theirs.

Their mother, Vera McCorvey-Holloman, holds a doctorate in social work from the University of Alabama and works with the homeless in southern New York state. She is also a real estate agent.

Derriel's father died when Derriel was 5 years old, but Vera McCorvey-Holloman held the family together with a firm grip.

"If I had a dollar for every whipping she'd given me, I'd have a nice little pile of money right now," Derriel says. "I love her to death. She's everything to me.

"Athletics were never really important to her. What she was interested in was our academic progress. She made Errol quit football in the ninth grade because his grades weren't right. He'll tell you today that was the biggest helping hand he ever got. And to tell the truth, that scared me to death. I made sure I kept my grades up."

While his mother was his biggest academic influence, Derriel's brothers encouraged him in athletics. Herman was a strong safety at Alabama State. Quenton was a cornerback at Alabama A&M.

"My brothers were like my father figure in athletics," Derriel says.

They became almost like his parents in 1984, when Derriel and Errol moved from Peekskill, N.Y., to Pensacola, Fla.

"My other brothers had been raised in Florida, and the public school system was sort of deteriorating in New York," he says. "Craig was a good cornerback (in New York state) and didn't get a good look from recruiters. So my mom asked me and Errol if we wanted to move down to Florida with our brothers, Simp and Herman."

Derriel arrived in time for his freshman year at Pensacola's Escambia High.

"My brothers were tough on us," he says. "They made us come in early, study hard and work out.

"It was tough at times. Like at the Quarterback Club meetings, when the other

Derriel (left) and Errol (right) McCorvey of LSU and Florida State respectively are defenders whose teams meet in October at Tiger Stadium.


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players would bring their parents with them, we were all alone. I felt cheated in a way."

But it all worked out. Errol originally signed a scholarship with East Carolina. Then Derriel was recruited by dozens of schools, finally narrowing his choices to Florida State or LSU.

"I was a Florida State fan growing up," Derriel says, "but they got a little indecisive about me near the end. That upset me. I felt I was good enough to play anywhere, and LSU was sold on me from the start. So I came here."

McCorvey was a backup as a freshman in 1989. He took over the starting strong safety position early in the '90 season.

He was originally signed as a cornerback and didn't like the move to strong safety at first.

"I played cornerback in high school, and that was what I always dreamed of doing in college and the pros," McCorvey says. "I always dreamed of covering Jerry Rice man-on-man. Then all of a sudden they had me hitting fullbacks and learning a new position.

"But once I learned the techniques of the position, it wasn't so bad. I think playing cornerback in high school helped me because I'm able to line up on wide receivers now. A lot of strong safeties can only cover tight ends. That gives us a lot of match-up skills that most teams don't have."

McCorvey says strong safeties don't get the credit deserved.

"It's a tough position that combines a lot of different things," he says. "On runs, you're the primary force man, which means you have to turn the play inside as fast as you can with as small a running lane as possible. You have to have the heart to take on 280-pound guards. But I've found that you can beat those guys with good technique any day. You can dictate how they come at you, whether they hit you square or with a glancing blow.

"You have to have a linebacker frame of mind and the grace of a cornerback. I like it, but I'd rather do 'jam' drills with the cornerbacks and work on my man-to-man coverage techniques."

McCorvey can hardly wait for two home games on the Tigers' 1991 schedule: Florida State on Oct. 26 and Alabama on Nov. 9.

"My mom still pulls for Alabama even when we play them because she graduated from there," McCorvey says. "So that's a big game.

"But the Florida State game . . . we've got them in Tiger Town and that's my game. I'm concentrating right now on Georgia because that's our first game. But the Florida State game is one that I've got to shine in. Last year, Errol won a dinner from me when they beat us. This year, I want the dinner.

"All I hear when I get home to Pensacola is Seminoles, Seminoles, Seminoles. I go home, and they're trying to hit me in the head with a tomahawk."

While McCorvey has enjoyed some personal success at LSU, he is starving to play on a winner. The Tigers were 4–7 and 5–6 the past two seasons.

"Talent has never been the problem," McCorvey says. "The year of our big decline, 1989, it was like we had two different teams. There were the seniors, who thought they were the elite, and there was everybody else. That was the catalyst for two bad seasons in a row.

"The talent is here. We just haven't been pulling together the right way. It's been discouraging. But I think things will change this year. We're losing very few seniors, and the young players aren't young anymore. They'll know what it's like to line up on Saturday."

One of the primary reasons for McCorvey's optimism is the Tigers' new coach, Curley Hallman, who replaces Mike Archer. Hallman, a former defensive back at Texas A&M who coached under Bear Bryant at Alabama, Danny Ford at Clemson and Jackie Sherrill at Texas A&M, was 23–11 in three seasons at Southern Mississippi. He led the Golden Eagles to two bowl games.

"He's definitely a player's coach," McCorvey says. "Everything about him, his method of coaching, is devoted to the team concept: being accountable for your teammates, respecting them. Being from a family of 10, I'm all for that.

"He's straight meat and potatoes. No favorites. He treats every player with the same amount of respect. And he comes down on everyone—even his coaches—if he thinks they're not doing things right.

"He seems to be just what we needed. There is no doubt we needed more discipline in the program."

McCorvey was especially moved last spring when Hallman wrote Quenton McCorvey a letter during Quenton's stint in Saudi Arabia.

"It was one of the nicest gestures I've ever seen," Derriel says. "But he talks about stuff like that all the time. He reminds us all the time to write our grandmothers or our kid brothers. And he says a letter means a lot more than a phone call."

Hallman inherits a team that returns nine starters on offense and 11 on defense. In fact, all 22 players listed on the Tigers' two-deep defensive depth chart from the final game of 1990 return; 18 of the 22 offensive players listed return.

The offensive line returns intact except for

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Linebacker David Walkup won't stand for another losing record.



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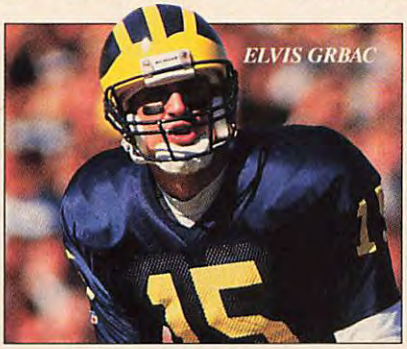
by John McBryde
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

First, let's get the history lesson out of the way.

The last time Michigan won a national collegiate football championship, Wolverine quarterback Elvis Grbac wasn't born. And no one had heard of Elvis Presley.

Forty-three years ago, Bennie Oosterbaan led the Wolverines to the national title with a 9–0 record. It was Oosterbaan's first year as coach at Michigan, and he never again finished No. 1 in 10 more seasons in Ann Arbor. Neither did Chalmers "Bump" Elliott (1959-68) nor Glenn E. "Bo" Schembechler (1969-89).

Now it's up to second-year Coach Gary Moeller, a longtime assistant with Schembechler who was only 7 years old when the Wolverines won the 1948 title. *Athlon* predicts that Moeller will lead Michigan to the 1991 national championship. The Wolverines are the consensus pick of *Athlon*'s editorial board.



Michigan returns 16 starters from a team that placed seventh in *Athlon*'s final 1990 ranking. Grbac heads an offense that includes All-America tackle Greg Skrepenak and All-Big Ten wide receiver Desmond Howard. The defense, which returns seven starters, is led by inside linebacker Erick Anderson.

Michigan's schedule, though not light, is favorable. The toughest nonconference games—against Notre Dame and Florida State—will be played in Michigan Stadium. The Wolverines will travel on consecutive weekends to Iowa and Michigan State, but they close the season at home against their No. 1 rival, Ohio State.

Michigan will win in the Rose Bowl even though it has done so only twice in its last 10 appearances. After all, for the first time since 1968, the Wolverines' home turf will be grass, same as it is in Pasadena.

Michigan's toughest challenge won't be on New Year's Day; it will come on Sept. 28 in Ann Arbor against Florida State, the bridesmaid of college football the last few years. The Seminoles return virtually intact from last season, when they finished fourth in the country in all the polls.

Quarterback Casey Weldon, tailback Amp Lee and fullback Edgar Bennett spark an explosive offense that has five other 1990 starters. Linebackers Marvin Jones and Kirk Carruthers and cornerback Terrell Buckley lead nine returning starters on defense.

Remember Clemson? The 1981 national champion and the team that led many to believe that ACC stood for All-Clemson Conference? Though the Tigers have been shoved aside the last couple of years by Georgia Tech and Virginia, they're back and ranked third by the *Athlon* board.

With 12 starters returning from a team that finished ninth in the nation and a schedule that's tailor-made for unbeaten records, Clemson has a good shot at celebrating its 10-year national title anniversary by winning another. The core of the nation's No. 1 defense in 1990 is back, led by linebacker Levon Kirkland.

The Sunshine State has another entry in *Athlon*'s Top Five: Florida, No. 4. As expected, Steve Spurrier put zip into the Gators' offense in his first year as coach. Much of it came from Shane Matthews, a gunslinger of a quarterback who was named the Southeastern Conference Player of the Year.

Florida's defense returns just five starters from 1990, but one is All-America safety Will White. Three of the Gators' four toughest games are in Gainesville.

Athlon's Top Twenty-Five

1. MICHIGAN
2. FLORIDA STATE
3. CLEMSON
4. FLORIDA
5. WASHINGTON
6. OKLAHOMA
7. MIAMI
8. GEORGIA TECH
9. NOTRE DAME
10. AUBURN
11. PENN STATE
12. COLORADO
13. TENNESSEE
14. TEXAS
15. NEBRASKA
16. HOUSTON
17. IOWA
18. MICHIGAN STATE
19. UCLA
20. OHIO STATE
21. SOUTHERN CAL
22. ALABAMA
23. BRIGHAM YOUNG
24. VIRGINIA TECH
25. BAYLOR

OTHERS TO WATCH:
Texas A&M, Syracuse, California, Georgia, Pittsburgh, North Carolina State, Louisville, Indiana, Air Force, Louisiana State





The race for No. 1 will almost surely involve these players and their teams: Florida State running back Amp Lee (above), Clemson linebacker Levon Kirkland (left) and Notre Dame tight end Derek Brown and quarterback Rick Mirer (below).



Entering his 17th season as head coach at Washington, Don James may have the strongest team he's ever assembled in Seattle. The Huskies' defense could be the best in the country. Seven starters, including Pac-10 co-Defensive Player of the Year Steve Emtman at tackle, are back from a unit that led the nation in rushing defense and ranked 13th in total defense.

Quarterback Mark Brunell is questionable for the '91 season due to a knee injury he sustained in spring practice, but three of the four leading receivers from last year are on hand. The offensive line's president, you might say, is Lincoln Kennedy, a 6–7, 315-pound tackle.

Oklahoma should finish sixth. The Sooners, who won the national championship in 1985 and earned five Big Eight titles in the 1980s, are coming off a three-year probation and are eligible for a bowl game. Third-year Coach Gary Gibbs is hoping that the return of seven 1990 starters on each side of the ball means a speedy delivery to the Federal Express Orange Bowl.

Since 1980, Miami has been the most successful team in the country, having won 109 games and three national championships. The new member of the Big East Conference lost another great quarterback when Craig Erickson used up his eligibility, but off the Miami assembly line comes Gino Torretta.

If you're tempted to think that Georgia Tech's No. 1 ranking (United Press International) in 1990 was a fluke, better not say it out loud to the eight starters coming back on defense. Be especially careful around All-America safety Ken Swilling, whose hits have silenced many scoring threats.

Notre Dame lost the Rocket's (Raghib Ismail) red glare and the (Todd) Lyght in the defensive secondary, but the Irish still are poised for a Top 10 finish. Junior quarterback Rick Mirer, who ranked 10th nationally in passing efficiency as a sophomore, heads an offense that returns seven starters. The defense may be rebuilding, but in South Bend that usually just means reloading.

Rounding out *Athlon*'s Top 10 is Auburn, which will be missing some big names as well. But Coach Pat Dye is not one to worry about players not returning, and the Tigers won't be exactly shabby with those coming back. As a freshman last season, quarterback Stan White threw for 2,242 yards, second-most in Auburn history. Nose guard Walter Tate anchors the defense.

If Penn State can survive a schedule that includes trips to Southern California and Miami, not to mention tests against Georgia Tech (at East Rutherford, N.J.), Brigham Young and Notre Dame, the Nittany Lions will earn championship consideration and a major bowl bid.

Colorado, The Associated Press' national champion, has several questions. Two big ones are, who'll play quarterback and who'll shore up the gaps at linebacker left by Alfred Williams and Kanavis McGhee? With a lighter schedule than last year's, the Buffaloes should find the answers quickly.

Tennessee has finished in the Top 10 the last two seasons. If it weren't for the Volunteers having to revamp their offense, especially anemic in the running game, they would rank that high for a third straight year. The 10 starters returning on defense will keep the Vols hovering around the upper tier.

Texas won its first Southwest Conference title since 1983. True, the Longhorns were routed 46–3 by Miami in the Mobil Cotton Bowl game, but they still did all right for themselves. And 13 starters are back from a 10–2 team.

Now that Nebraska's non-conference schedule doesn't read like an Arsenio Hall joke, the Cornhuskers can get busy and make a serious run toward respectability again. Most of an offense that ranked second in rushing nationally last season and the core of the defense return.

Houston quarterback David Klingler is one of the early favorites to win this year's Heisman Trophy, but his numbers may not be as impressive as they were in 1990. Instead of non-conference games against pushovers, the Cougars must face Miami and Illinois, both on the road.

Iowa should rank among the elite again. Matt Rodgers may be the most underrated quarterback in the country, although they know him in the Big Ten. He earned all-conference honors in '90.

Right behind the Hawkeyes will be Michigan State, which returns 10 starters from an 8–3–1 team. Running back Tico Duckett sparks the Spartans.

UCLA has been on a strange two-year hiatus, but the Bruins should be back with a vengeance. Sophomore Tommy Maddox is a sensational quarterback.

As a true freshman last year, Robert Smith of Ohio State gained 1,064 yards rushing and his 6.5-yard average was the Big Ten's best. Unless opponents can find a way to stop him, Smith will help lead the Buckeyes to No. 20. ■

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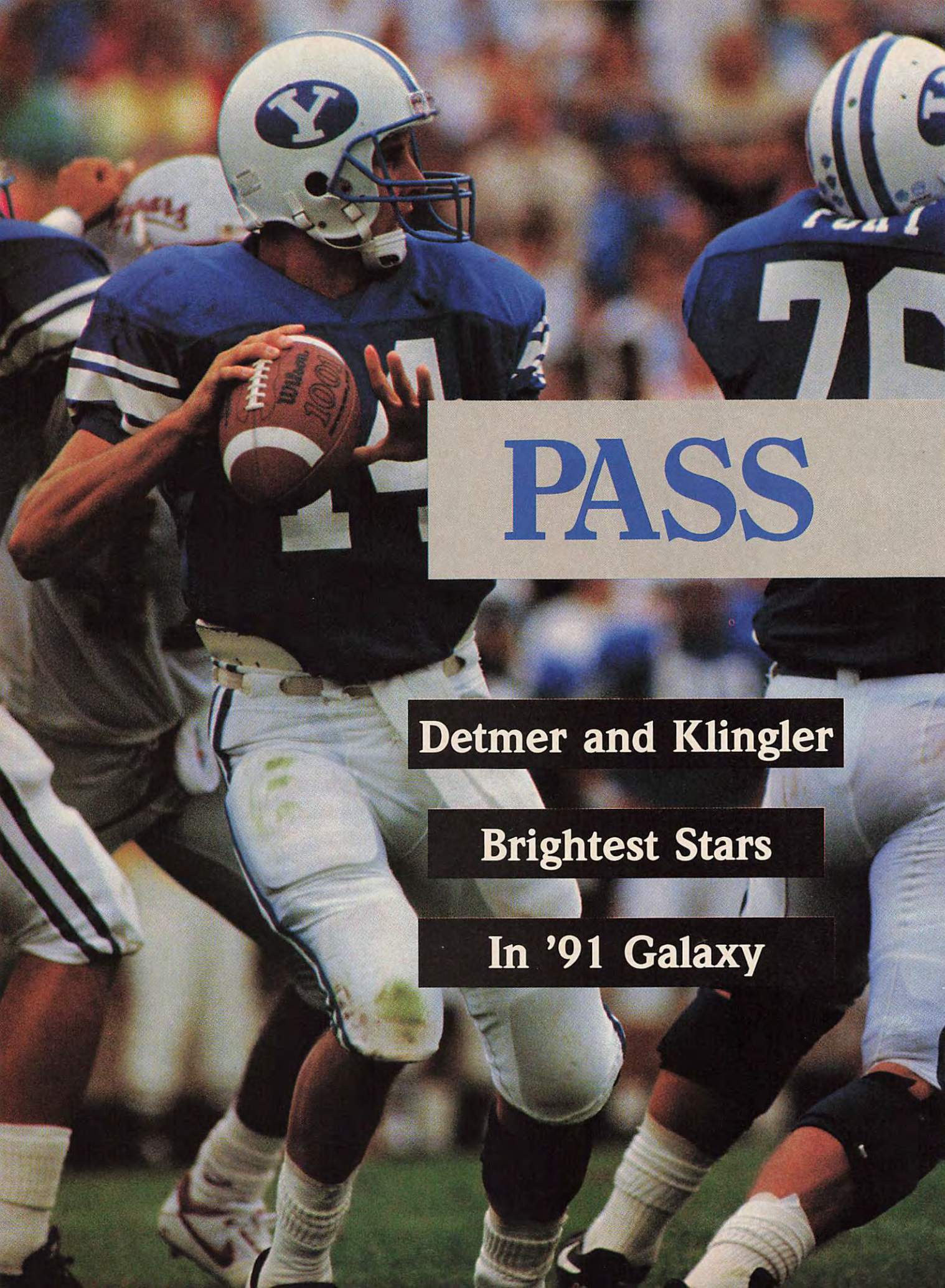
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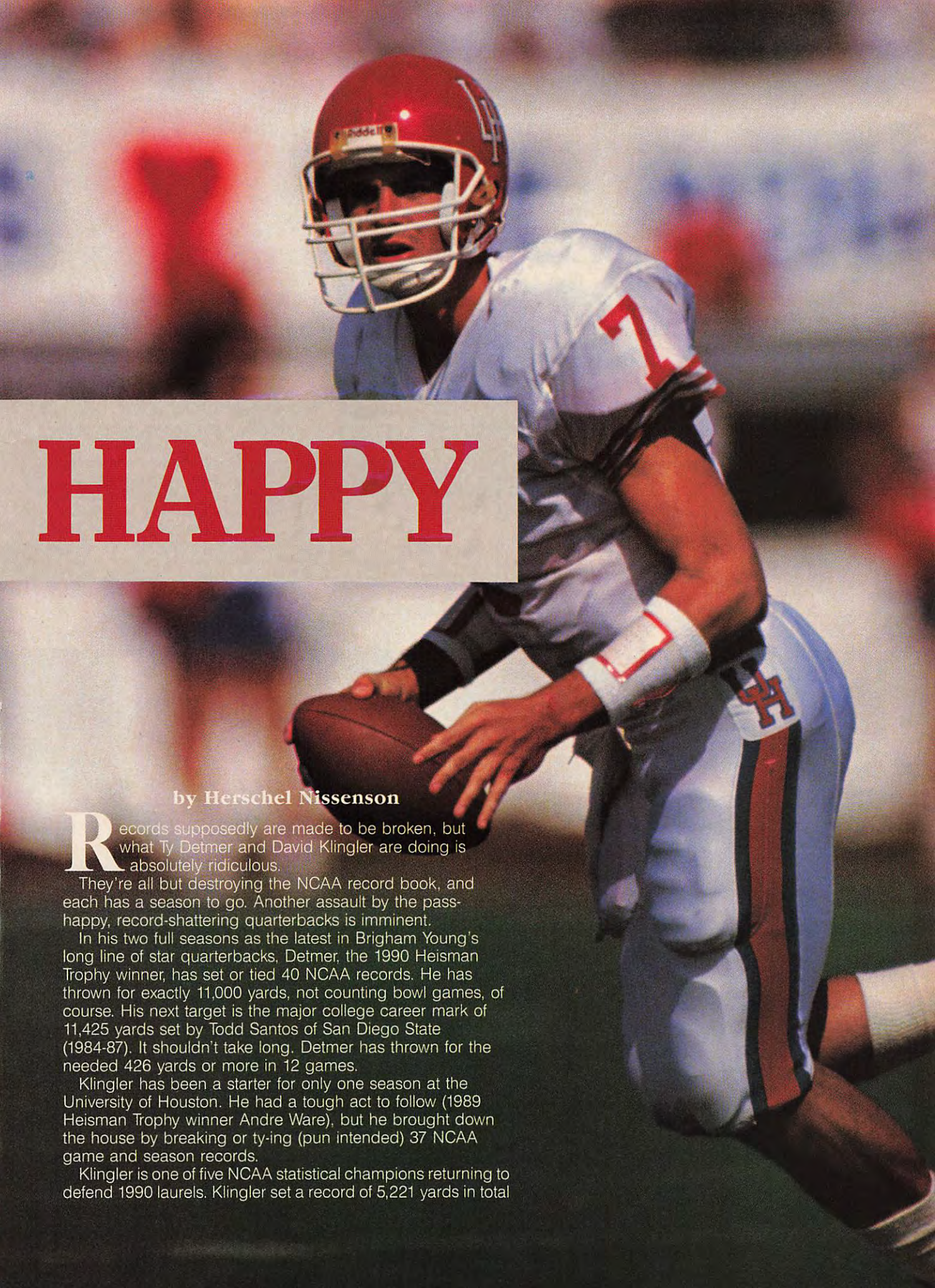


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Detmer and Klingler

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HAPPY

by Herschel Nissenson

Records supposedly are made to be broken, but what Ty Detmer and David Klingler are doing is absolutely ridiculous.

They're all but destroying the NCAA record book, and each has a season to go. Another assault by the pass-happy, record-shattering quarterbacks is imminent.

In his two full seasons as the latest in Brigham Young's long line of star quarterbacks, Detmer, the 1990 Heisman Trophy winner, has set or tied 40 NCAA records. He has thrown for exactly 11,000 yards, not counting bowl games, of course. His next target is the major college career mark of 11,425 yards set by Todd Santos of San Diego State (1984-87). It shouldn't take long. Detmer has thrown for the needed 426 yards or more in 12 games.

Klingler has been a starter for only one season at the University of Houston. He had a tough act to follow (1989 Heisman Trophy winner Andre Ware), but he brought down the house by breaking or ty-ing (pun intended) 37 NCAA game and season records.

Klingler is one of five NCAA statistical champions returning to defend 1990 laurels. Klingler set a record of 5,221 yards in total

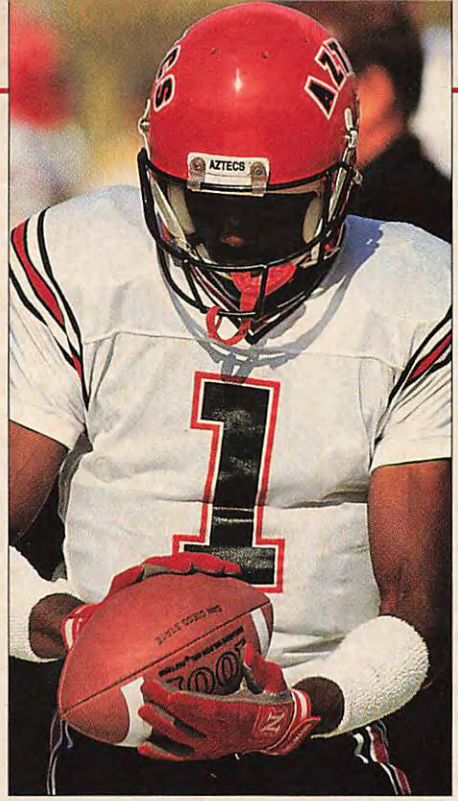
offense. Teammate Jerry Parks led the nation with eight interceptions, Stanford running back Glyn Milburn in all-purpose yardage (202 yards per game), San Diego State's Patrick Rowe in receiving yards per game (126.6) and Tennessee free safety Dale Carter in kickoff return average (29.8). Milburn is a junior this year. The others are seniors.

But it is Detmer and Klingler who will command most of the attention, certainly at the start of the season.

Last year, Detmer completed 361 of 562 passes (64.2 percent) for a record 5,188 yards and 41 touchdowns, with 28 interceptions. That was more touchdown passes than any Heisman-winning quarterback except Ware, who threw 46. Klingler, who finished fifth in the Heisman voting, completed 374 of 643 passes (58.2 percent) for 5,140 yards and a record 54 touchdown passes, with 20 interceptions. By the way, Detmer played 12 regular-season games to Klingler's 11.

The number of touchdown passes thrown by each bettered the *career* totals of such quarterbacks as Troy Aikman (40), Steve Spurrier (36), Joe Theismann (31), Bob Griese (28), Bert Jones (28), Johnny Unitas (27), Joe Montana (25) and Joe Namath (25).

Detmer and Klingler faced one common opponent in 1990, Texas A&M. Klingler was



The Aztecs' Rowe led in receiving yards last year.

24 of 51 for 352 yards and a touchdown in Houston's 36–31 victory over the Aggies. Detmer, before he was knocked out of the game with two separated shoulders, was 11 of 23 for 120 yards and a touchdown in Texas A&M's 65–14 Holiday Bowl massacre. That snapped Detmer's record streak of 25 consecutive 300-yard passing games, including a career-high 576 against Penn State in the 1989 Holiday Bowl.

On a per-game basis, Klingler was the most prolific passer in history. He threw more passes (58.5 per game) and completed more (34) for more yards (467.3) and touchdowns (4.9) than any player ever. His 474.6 yards per game in total offense set an all-time record by a wide margin (Ware averaged 423.7 in 1989). Take away Klingler's record 11 touchdown passes against Division I-AA Eastern Washington—an 84–21 run-and-shoot-it-up that drew stinging criticism—and he still had 43 to Detmer's 41.

On the other hand, Detmer has the edge in all the passing-efficiency and per-play numbers and a big margin on the career chart, having started more games. Last year, Detmer led Klingler in efficiency points (155.9 to 146.8), yards per attempt (9.23 to 7.99) and total offense per play (7.9 to 7.4). Detmer's most efficient year was 1989—11.07 yards per attempt, 17.2 per completion and a near-record 175.6 efficiency rating.

On the career charts, Detmer is on an all-time record pace in efficiency (160.7), passing yards (as mentioned earlier) and total



offense (he is 654 yards away). He already owns the mark of 86 touchdown passes. Klingler is sixth in career efficiency at 146.4.

Detmer can afford a little slump this year and still break the pass-efficiency mark of 156.9 set by Jim McMahon, one of his predecessors on the BYU assembly line. With another season like 1990, Detmer could smash the Division I-A total-offense and passing records by more than 4,000 yards and the all-divisions marks by about 2,000. And his record for scoring passes could approach 130. The total-offense and passing numbers are especially noteworthy because career records in both production and efficiency are rare.

While Klingler and Detmer ranked 1–2 in total offense, the passing-efficiency title went to Virginia's Shawn Moore (Detmer was second, Klingler fifth). Moore's teammate, unrelated wide receiver Herman Moore, was one of four NCAA consensus All-Americans who elected to forgo their final season of eligibility for the NFL draft. The others were flanker-kick returner Raghib Ismail and nose guard Chris Zorich of Notre Dame, and offensive guard Ed King of Auburn.

Besides Detmer, the first returning Heisman winner since Oklahoma's Billy Sims (after winning the award in 1978, he finished second to Southern California's Charles White in 1979), the only other consensus All-American coming back is Georgia Tech's Ken Swilling, a 236-pounder who is being switched from free safety to strong safety.

The publicity mills already are churning out reams of copy for the returning stars—Einstein probably would have trouble calculating the words-per-yards ratio—but here are some of the top holdovers and their 1990 NCAA rank:

Total Offense—Klingler (1); Detmer (2); Troy Kopp, Pacific (3); Shane Matthews, Florida (4); Tommy Maddox, UCLA (8); Mark Barsotti, Fresno State (10); Chris Pedersen, Iowa State (11); Todd Studer, Long Beach State (13); Brad Tayles, Western Michigan (14); Eric Hunter, Purdue (15); Mike Romo, SMU (17); Jason Palumbis, Stanford (18); Alex Van Pelt, Pitt (19); Tom Corontzos, Wyoming (20).

Passing Efficiency—Detmer (2); Casey Weldon, Florida State (3); Klingler (5); Matthews (7); Kopp (9); Rick Mirer, Notre Dame (10); Palumbis (12); Jason Verduzco, Illinois (13); Matt Rodgers, Iowa (15); Shawn Jones, Georgia Tech (17); Bobby Fuller, South Carolina (18); Marvin Graves, Syracuse (19); Maddox (20).

Other quarterbacks to watch: Dave Brown, Duke; Mark Brunell, Washington; Glenn Foley, Boston College; Will Furrer, Virginia Tech; Elvis Grbac, Michigan; Andy Kelly, Tennessee; Willie McMillian, Army; Mike Pawlawski, California; T.J. Rubley, Tulsa; Tony Sacca, Penn State; Stan White, Auburn.

Athlon's All-America Team

Offense

TE	Derek Brown	Notre Dame	6–7	243	Senior
T	Greg Skrepenak	Michigan	6–6	322	Senior
G	Mike Gisler	Houston	6–4	305	Senior
C	Jay Leeuwenburg	Colorado	6–3	265	Senior
G	Tim Simpson	Illinois	6–2	284	Senior
T	Russ McCullough	Missouri	6–10	320	Senior
WR	Patrick Rowe	San Diego State	6–1	200	Senior
QB	Ty Detmer	Brigham Young	6–0	175	Senior
RB	Russell White	California	6–0	210	Junior
RB	Tico Duckett	Michigan State	5–10	185	Junior
FL	Desmond Howard	Michigan	5–9	170	Junior

Defense

DL	Santana Dotson	Baylor	6–5	264	Senior
DL	Joel Steed	Colorado	6–3	270	Senior
DL	Steve Emtman	Washington	6–4	285	Junior
OLB	Levon Kirkland	Clemson	6–2	230	Senior
ILB	Marvin Jones	Florida State	6–2	220	Sophomore
ILB	Mark D'Onofrio	Penn State	6–2	234	Senior
OLB	Darrin Smith	Miami	6–1	228	Junior
DB	Will White	Florida	6–1	198	Junior
DB	Kevin Smith	Texas A&M	6–0	175	Senior
DB	Dale Carter	Tennessee	6–2	182	Senior
DB	Ken Swilling	Georgia Tech	6–3	236	Senior

Specialists

KR	Glyn Milburn	Stanford	5–9	175	Junior
PR	Tony James	Mississippi State	5–9	184	Junior
K	Carlos Huerta	Miami	5–9	186	Senior
P	Jason Hanson	Washington State	6–1	168	Senior



Rushing—Tico Duckett, Michigan (5, 125.1 yards per game); Roger Grant, Utah State (6); Trevor Cobb, Rice (8); Leodis Flowers, Nebraska (15); Mazio Royster, Southern Cal (16); Vaughn Dunbar, Indiana (17). Keep a sharp eye on California's Russell White, who rushed for 1000 yards last season as the *backup* tailback and became the first player in Pac-10 history to make the all-conference team without starting a single game.

Other runners to watch: William Bell, Georgia Tech; Edgar Bennett, Florida State; Dewell Brewer, Oklahoma; Rodney Culver, Notre Dame; Adam Dach, Northern Illinois; Jason Davis, Louisiana Tech; Butch Hadnot, Texas; Terry Kirby, Virginia; Amp Lee, Florida State; Natrone Means, North Carolina; Milburn, Stanford; Ricky Powers, Michigan; Robert Smith, Ohio State; Siran Stacy, Alabama; Robert Strait, Baylor; Corey Sylve, Western Michigan; Ronald Williams, Clemson. Oklahoma's Mike Gaddis, who could have been one of the best ever, missed the 1990 campaign after suffering a severe knee injury in the 1989 Texas game and is listed as questionable for 1991.

Receptions Per Game—Rowe, San Diego State (5, 6.5); Frank Wycheck, Maryland (6); Tracy Good, Houston (10); Aaron Turner, Pacific (11); Kelly Blackwell, Texas Christian (tie 13); Milburn, Stanford (tie 13); Daryl Hobbs, Pacific (tie 15); Richard Woodley, Texas Christian (17); Jason Wolf, SMU (19).

Receiving Yards Per Game—Rowe (1); Turner (2); Rodney Blackshear, Texas Tech (12); Carl Pickens, Tennessee (17); Ken Ealy, Central Michigan (18); Olanda Truitt, Pitt (20).

Although Rowe ranked fifth in receptions per game (71 for a 6.5 average), his WAC-record 1,392 yards led the nation. He brings an NCAA record streak of nine consecutive 100-yard games into the new season.

Of the receivers mentioned thus far, only Wycheck and Blackwell are tight ends (Wycheck actually played H-back). Other wide receivers to watch include Dan Bitson, Tulsa; Robert Brooks, South Carolina; Sean Dawkins, Calfornia; Eric Guliford, Arizona State; Andre Hastings, Georgia; Courtney Hawkins, Michigan State; Eric Henley, Rice; Shelby Hill, Syracuse; Desmond Howard, Michigan; Tracey Jenkins, Utah State; James Jett, West Virginia; Todd Kinchen, LSU; Sean LaChapelle, UCLA; Marcus Mickel, Virginia Tech; Greg Primus, Colorado State; Bryan Rowley, Utah; Mark Seay, Long Beach State; Michael Smith, Kansas State; Lamar Thomas, Miami, Fla.; Brian Treggs, Califonia.

Hawkins and Kinchen missed much of the 1990 season with injuries. Bitson sat out the entire year after suffering eight major injuries in an automobile accident in December 1989, a season in which he caught 73 passes for 1,425 yards and 16 touchdowns. He was cleared for non-contact drills in the spring and may get the go-ahead this fall.

Other tight ends to watch: Derek Brown, Notre Dame; Bryce Burnett, San Jose State; Mark Chmura, Boston College; George Deveney, Temple; Jeff Ellis, Ohio State; Luke Fisher, East Carolina; Deems May, North Carolina; John Henry Mills, Wake Forest; Johnny Mitchell, Nebraska; Jeff Thomason, Oregon; Butch Williams, Washington State.

Interceptions—Parks, Houston cornerback (1); Will White, Florida free safety (2); Ron Carpenter, Miami, Ohio, free safety (tie 3); Jaime Mendez, Kansas State cornerback (tie 9); Dave Bielinski, Bowling Green free safety (tie 9); Kevin Smith, Texas A&M cornerback (11); Swilling, Georgia Tech strong safety (12); Terrell Buckley, Florida State cornerback (tie 14); Leonard Humphries, Penn State cornerback (tie 14); Daryle Smith, Oregon cornerback (tie 14).

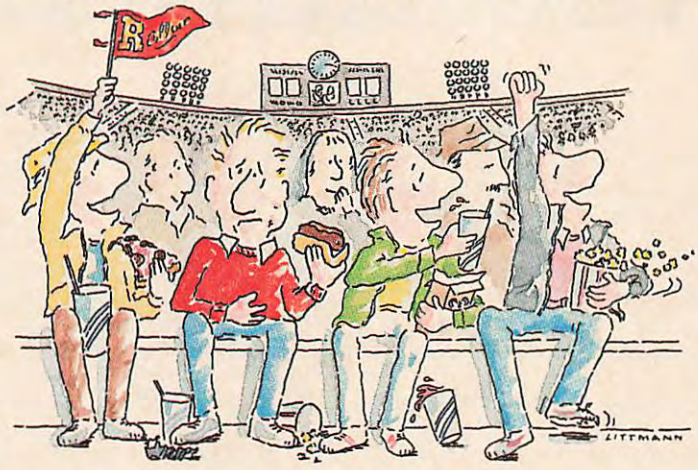
Parks will be remembered as the player who was shot in the dorm incident at Oklahoma a few years ago during the Sooners' winter of discontent. Smith has 18 interceptions and needs one more to set a Southwest Conference record. Buckley's 219 yards in interception returns broke Deion Sanders' Florida State record of 139.

Strong safeties to watch: Mike Collins, West Virginia; Matt Darby, UCLA; Lance Gunn, Texas; Carlton Johnson, UNLV; Sean Lumpkin, Minnesota; Stephen Pace, Southern Cal; Tony Pang-Kee, Hawaii; Darren Perry, Penn State; Shanon Yates, Air Force.

Other cornerbacks: Corey Barlow, Auburn; Mark Berry, Texas; Derek Bochna, Penn State; Grady Cavness, Texas; Mike Clark, Oklahoma State; George Coghill, Wake

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Free safeties: Brian Bowker, Wyoming; Cary Brabham, SMU; Ray Buchanan, Louisville; Tyrone Byrd, Nebraska; Carter, Tennessee; Eric Castle, Oregon; Brent Huff, Oregon State; Mike McElrath, Army; Robert O'Neal, Clemson; Marquez Pope, Fresno State; Marlon Primous, Illinois; Damien Russell, Virginia Tech; Tracy Saul, Texas Tech; Lamont Scales, Wake Forest; Donald Stowers, New Mexico State; Darrell Whitmore, West Virginia; Darryl Williams, Miami, Fla.; Shannon Yates, Air Force.

Punting—Jason Hanson, Washington State (3, 45.4 yards per punt); Scott McAlister, North Carolina (6); Klaus Wilmsmeyer, Louisville (8); Todd Rawsthorne, Western Michigan (9); Trent Thompson, Temple (10); Jason Christ, Air Force (12); Rusty Carlsen, Utah State (16); Troy Rossean, New Mexico (17); Joey Chapman, Tennessee (18); Eric Bruun, Purdue (19); Brian Griffith, LSU (20).

Field Goals—Clint Gwaltney, North Carolina (2, 1.9 per game); Roman Anderson, Houston (4); Andy Trakas, San Diego State (tie 9); Rusty Hanna, Toledo (tie 9); Carlos Huerta, Miami, Fla. (tie 12); Jim Von Wyl, Auburn (tie 12); Chris Boniol, Louisiana Tech (tie 12); Hanson, Washington State (tie 12); Craig Hentrich, Notre Dame (tie 16); J.D. Carlson, Michigan (tie 16); Kenny Strucker, Ball State (tie 20); Arden Czyzewski, Florida (tie 20); Dan Eichloff, Kansas (tie 20); Craig Fayak, Penn State (tie 20); Scott Sisson, Georgia Tech (tie 20).

Of the placekickers and punters listed, only Hanson, Wilmsmeyer, Hentrich and Eichloff do both jobs. Miami's Carlos "No Miss" Huerta, a walk-on in 1987 who earned a scholarship a year later, is working on an NCAA record string of 141 consecutive PATs (he has never missed one) and is 56 of 70 on field-goal attempts. Washington State's Hanson has kicked 14 field goals of 50 yards or longer; the NCAA record is 16. And in his first season as a punter since high school, he had 18 kicks of 50 or more yards, including a 76-yarder.

Other placekickers: Doug Beach, Utah State; Dan DeArmas, Maryland; Jason Elam, Hawaii; Lin Elliott, Texas Tech; Sean Fleming, Wyoming; Pat Malcom, Army; Gregg McCallum, Oregon; Jim Taylor, Southern Mississippi; Joe Wood, Air Force; Todd Wright, Arkansas.

Other punters: Daron Alcorn, Akron; Josh Butland, Michigan State; Ron Dale, Southern Cal; Earl Kauffman, BYU; David Lawrence, Vanderbilt; Phil Nevin, Fullerton State; Daren Parker, South Carolina; Brad Reddell, Oklahoma; Mike Riley, Mississippi State; Mike Stigge, Nebraska; Tommy Thompson, Oregon.

Punt Returns—Beno Bryant, Washington (2, 15.6 yards per return); Tony James, Mississippi State (4); Terrell Buckley, Florida State (6); George Coghill, Wake Forest (7); Tony Smith, Southern Mississippi (9); Brian Brown, Oregon (11); Dale Carter, Tennessee (12); Tisen Thomas, Penn State (13); Tyrone Hughes, Nebraska (15); Hernandez Cooper, UNLV (16); Jeff Sydner, Hawaii (17); Marcus Mickel, Virginia Tech (18); Brad Breedlove, Duke (19); Vincent Brownlee, Mississippi (20).

Kickoff Returns—Carter, Tennessee (1); Howard, Michigan (2); Hughes, Nebraska (3); Raymond Washington, New Mexico State (4); Andre Hastings, Georgia (6); Milt Stegall, Miami, Ohio (7); White, California (8); Dion Johnson, East Carolina (9); Dexter Pointer, Utah State (10); Anthony Williams, Wake Forest (11); Roy Ross, Texas-El Paso (12); Rodney Blackshear, Texas Tech (15); Milburn, Stanford (16); Dwayne Owens, Oregon State (17); Otis Taylor, Oklahoma (18); Kelvin Means, Fresno State (19); Eric Blount, North Carolina (20).

All-Purpose Running—Milburn, Stanford (1); Sydner, Hawaii (5); White, California (7); Owens, Oregon State (8); Johnson, East Carolina (10); Cooper, UNLV (11); Rowe, San Diego State (12); Trevor Cobb, Rice (13); Williams, Wake Forest (16); Blackshear, Texas Tech (18); Sean Burwell, Oregon (20).

These are the best of the often unheralded but indispensable linemen:

Offensive Tackles—Troy Auzenne, California; Rob Baxley, Iowa; Chuck Bradley, Ken-

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Georgia Southern Remains Dominant

by Rick Bailey

It will be a good marriage, Coach Tim Stowers says, when the vows, already spoken, are consummated between his Georgia Southern Eagles and the Southern Conference.

The union brings together the best independent program—it may be the best period—in NCAA Division I-AA football and, arguably, the strongest football conference in the division.

Georgia Southern will not be playing for the Southern Conference title until 1993, but visions of a dynasty are surely dancing in the minds of league officials.

Consider the records.

In the nine years since Erk Russell revived Georgia Southern's football program, the Eagles have won four Division I-AA national championships. The last one, a year ago, was won by Stowers, a former Auburn player and the bald-domed Russell's hand-picked successor at retirement.

It is likewise significant that the only two Georgia Southern defeats in the Division I-AA playoffs came at the hands of Southern Conference members, Appalachian State in 1987 and Furman in 1988. The loss to Furman was in the national title game.

"The Southern Conference is the best I-AA league in the country," Stowers says. "Georgia Southern will be good for the conference and the conference will be good for Georgia Southern.

"We've already established rivalries in the conference. In fact, we've played everybody except VMI. I think it might be tougher for Georgia Southern to win the Southern Conference than the national championship. We will have to play good teams every Saturday."

But until Georgia Southern is able to play a conference schedule, the Eagles will be on their own, trying to repeat as national champs in Stowers' second year at the helm.

Last year was almost a fairy tale for Georgia Southern. Quarterback Raymond Gross and fullback Joe Ross were back for their senior campaigns. But Stowers was new. At 32, he was the nation's youngest Division I head coach, although he had been on Russell's staff since 1985. He was offensive line coach for five years, doubling as offensive coordinator in Russell's last two seasons. Six of Stowers' linemen were All-Americans, and his 1989 offense ranked first nationally in rushing and second in scoring.

While Stowers' credentials were impeccable, Georgia Southern's start was not. After winning his debut against Valdosta State, Stowers watched the Eagles lose their next three—to Ohio Valley Conference powers Middle Tennessee State and Eastern Kentucky, with a setback to Division I-A power Florida State in between.

The loss to Eastern Kentucky in Statesboro, Ga., was Georgia Southern's first defeat in 39 home games. That had been a Division I-AA record and covered parts of six seasons. The Eagles' record was 1–3 and one game still remained in September.

But the Eagles won their next seven games, climbed to No. 3 in the final ranking, and swept four playoff games, all at friendly Paulson Stadium, to capture the national title. Their final record was 12–3.

"I thought we might have a chance if we played like that," Stowers says.

Nevada-Reno fell in the finals 36–13.

"A lot of coaches make the mistake of coming in and trying to change everything," Stowers says. "The only thing we changed was calisthenics. Coach Russell did it a special way and nobody but him could do it."

Georgia Southern will enter the campaign, Stowers says, with "a pretty good nucleus except for finding a quarterback and a fullback, our second-most important position. He has to be like a tailback with a fullback mentality. He has to be able to block, catch and run inside and out."

The 1991 fullback may be Lester Efford, who saw duty last year behind Ross. Also returning at fullback will be Tim Townsend and Willando Ficklin. Albert Huntley has served as Gross' backup and is the leading quarterback candidate. Derrick McGrady has played sparingly and Charles Bostick, a redshirt freshman, shows promise.

Georgia Southern's supporting cast figures to be as impressive as usual. All-America candidates include defensive end Steve Bussoletti, cornerbacks Rodney Oglesby and Kevin Whitley, offensive tackle Rex Nottage and slotback Darryl Hopkins.

Should Georgia Southern stumble along the way, several teams will be ready to take control of Division I-AA. One of the main threats will be Furman.

Coach Jimmy Satterfield, whose Paladins (9–4) reached the playoff quarterfinals last year, is pleased that four of his five offensive linemen are seniors with experience. Tailback Carl Tremble gained more than 1000 yards as a sophomore. Quarterback is the question mark because three-year starter Frankie DeBusk has departed. Hugh Swilling has been groomed as the successor.

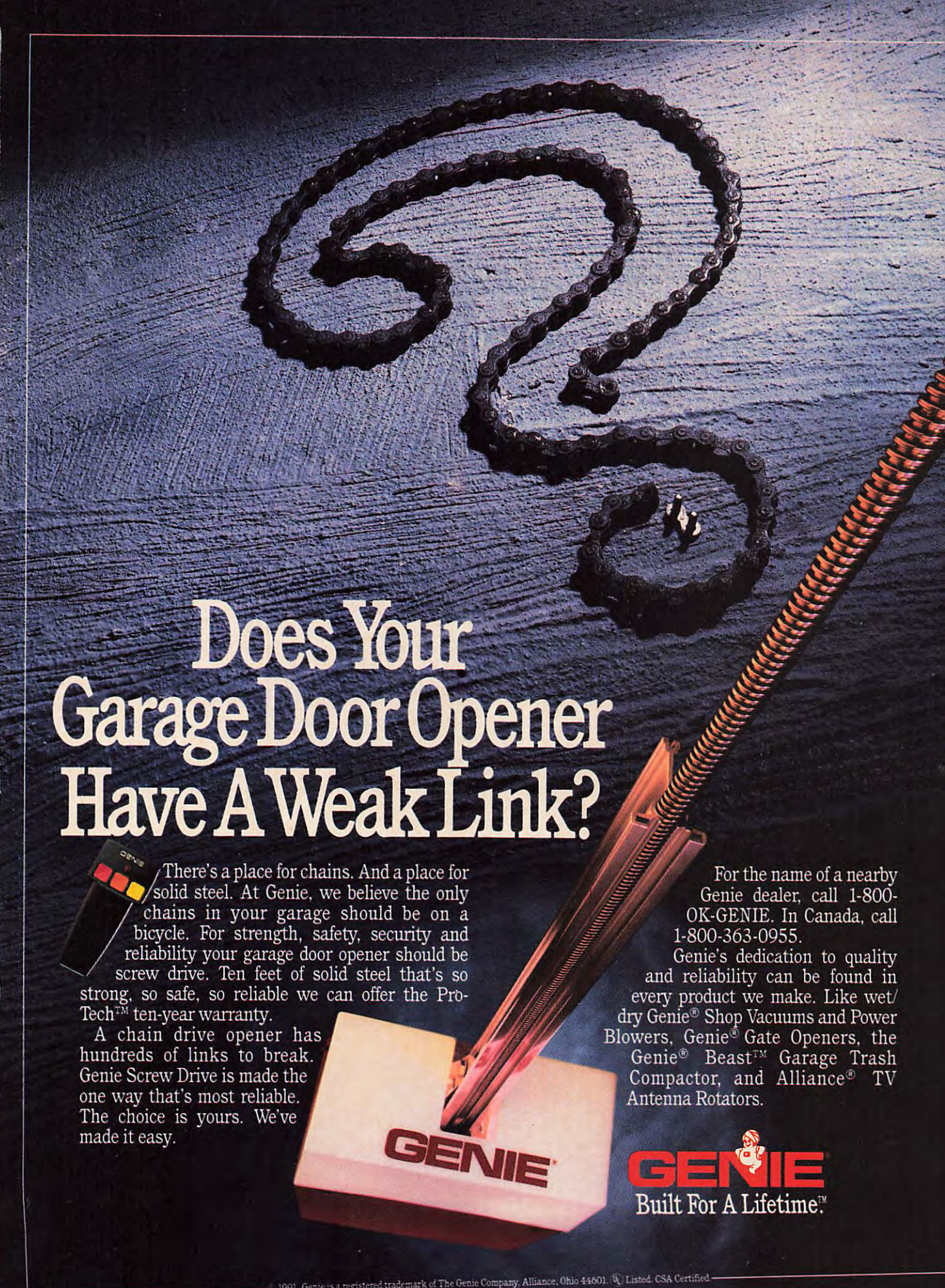
"We'll have some young people on defense," Satterfield says, "because we lost some good ones. I hope these kids come around and play well."

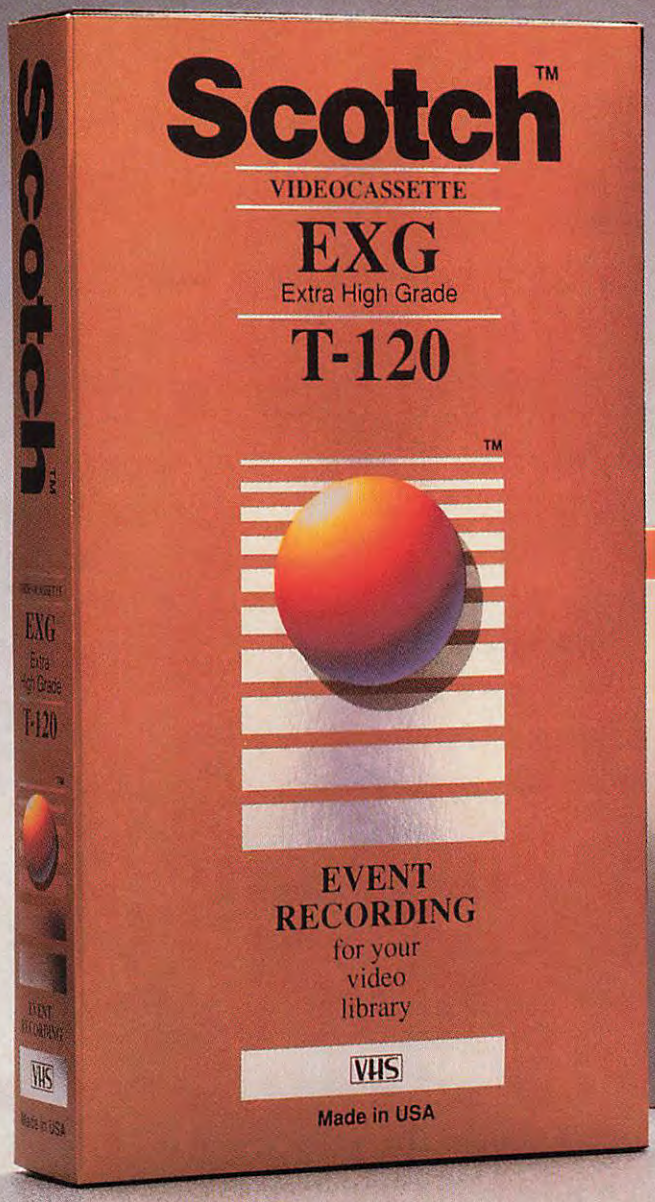
Marshall (6–5) and Appalachian State (6–5) should be Furman's closest challengers in the Southern Conference. Under new Coach Jim Donnan, Marshall improved its defense last year and was in playoff contention two weeks from the end. Michael Payton returns at quarterback. Appalachian State has many veterans returning, including quarterback D.J. Campbell. Free safety Brian

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2. Idaho
3. Southwest Missouri
4. Furman
5. Middle Tennessee State
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7. Central Florida
8. Holy Cross
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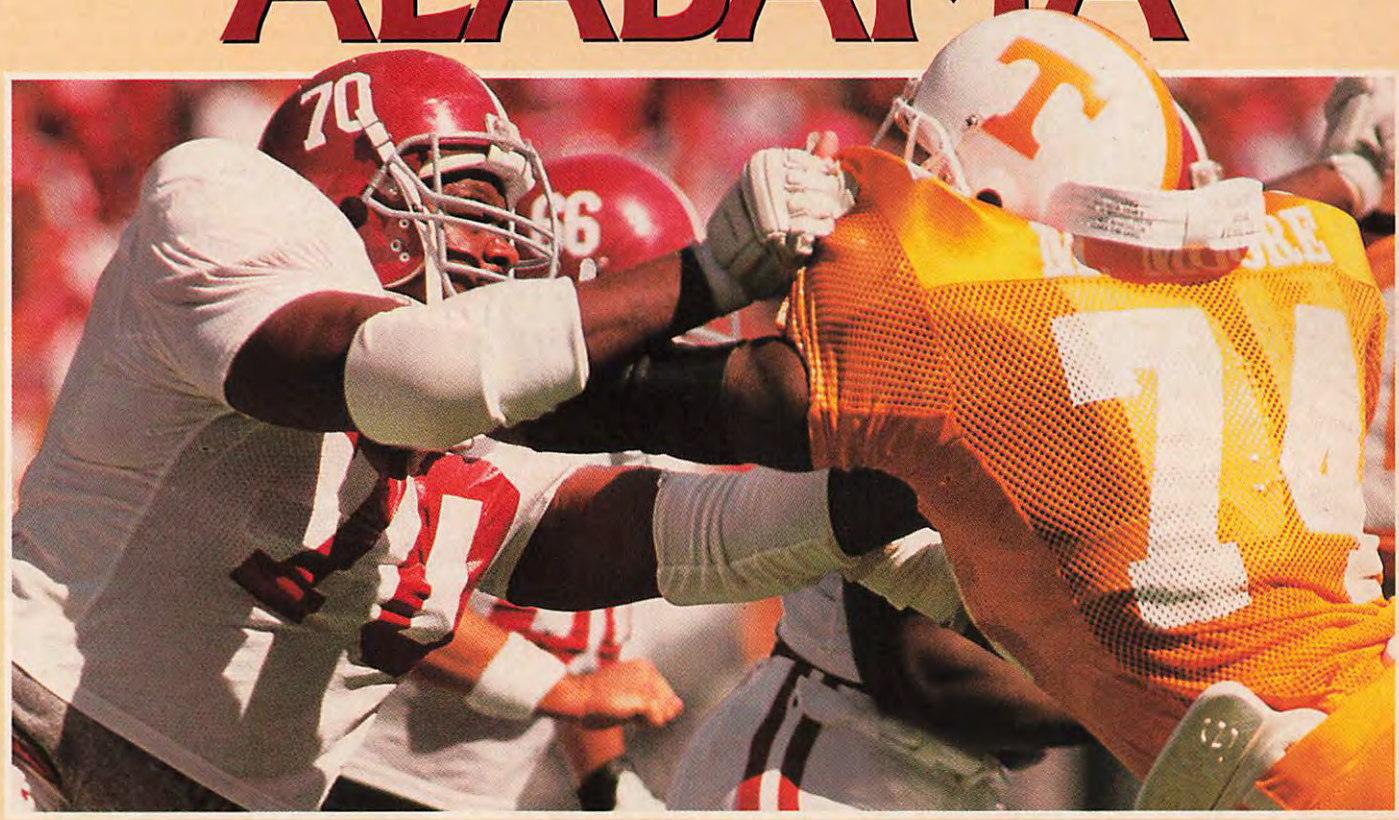
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The Great Rivalries

TENNESSEE VS. ALABAMA



by Ben Byrd

It all began on the afternoon of Oct. 20, 1928, at Tuscaloosa, Ala. In one swift and sudden moment, one of the greatest college football rivalries was born: Tennessee versus Alabama.

Sophomore halfback Gene McEver returned Alabama's opening kickoff 98 yards for the touchdown that detonated Tennessee's monumental upset victory 15–13. Since that day there has always been magic in the air when the Vols and the Tide meet. It has become a ritual of Indian summer.

It has been said of the Alabama-Tennessee game that those players who enter it as boys come out of it as men. That fanciful statement has a nugget of fact behind it. The stakes are usually high when these two teams meet. Nerves are strung tighter, and the licks are harder than in most games.

Football players never forget the pain of old injuries. Bowden Wyatt, Tennessee's head coach in the late 1950s and early '60s, was always a human dynamo the week of the Alabama game. The reason? A blow delivered by an Alabama player had broken his jaw during his playing career in the late '30s, and he had neither forgotten nor forgiven.

Football historians agree that Tennessee football came of age with the 1928 victory over Alabama. The two teams had met 11 times previously, with Alabama winning eight, but the series had been discontinued after 1914. Tennessee teams had generally been mediocre until a young Army captain, Robert R. Neyland, was hired away from West Point to become head coach in 1926. Neyland's first two teams had posted records of 8–1 and 8–0–1, an accomplishment scarcely known outside of Knoxville. The Volunteers needed a win over somebody big, and nobody was bigger than Alabama. The 1925 and '26 Crimson Tide had gone to back-to-back Rose Bowls under the distinguished Wallace Wade.



Tennessee Coach Bob Neyland, a disciplined Army man, was not above celebrating with his players.

The Great Rivalries

Tennessee was so much of an underdog, legend has it that Neyland suggested to Wade that the last two quarters be shortened to 10 minutes each if Alabama had built an embarrassing halftime lead. That probably never happened. Tackle Jake Johnston, the lone surviving starter off that Tennessee team, says that Neyland's last talk to the players before they left Knoxville was one of quiet confidence. Johnston remembers it this way:

"Neyland gathered us at the corner of the stadium and said, 'We're going down to play this crowd and they're supposed to be pretty good. But just remember the bigger they are the harder they fall. All you have to do is execute and play your game.' "

Johnston got to see only the last two-thirds of McEver's run.

"I lined up on the right side and crossed over to block the third Alabama man from the left coming downfield," he recalls. "The block was easy; he went down, and, of course, I went down with him. When I rolled over, all I could see was McEver's legs pumping right past me and on down the field. I'm not sure about the first 30 yards, but after he passed me, nobody laid a hand on him."

That win focused national attention on Tennessee and its "Hack, Mack and Dodd" sophomore backfield of Buddy Hackman, McEver and Bobby Dodd. Neyland was now ready to stake his claim to Southern football supremacy, but Alabama was not ready to step aside. Thus the stage was set for those colossal battles of the '30s that more often than not determined the conference championship: first, the Southern Conference and, starting in 1933, the Southeastern.

The most celebrated of these meetings was the 1932 game in the rain and mud at Birmingham's Legion Field, when Tennessee's Beattie Feathers and Alabama's Johnny Cain squared off in what is still regarded as the classic punting duel in college football history.

Feathers averaged 48 yards on 21 punts, Cain 43 yards on 19 punts. This, with a soggy ball on a muddy field. One miscue cost Alabama the game. Punting from his own end zone in the fourth quarter, Cain had to leap for a high pass from center. His hurried kick traveled only to the Tide 12-yard line. Three plays later, Feathers slashed into the end zone for the game's only touchdown, and Tennessee won 7–3.

Frank Thomas had succeeded Wade as coach at Alabama in 1931, and the former Notre Dame quarterback quickly gained the upper hand over Tennessee. Starting in 1933, the Tide won four of the next five over the Vols, with a scoreless tie in 1936. The 1934 game at Birmingham featured Alabama's great passing tandem of halfback Dixie Howell and end Don Hutson. They combined on a long pass to set up one touchdown, and Hutson scored the other on an end-around as Alabama won 13–6.

After the game, Thomas told his players, "You've beaten Tennessee, now you can go all the way." They did, with a 9–0 regular-season record and a 29–13 Rose Bowl victory over Stanford.

Howell and Hutson were gone the next season, and so was Neyland. With the head coach in Panama on Army duty and assistant Bill Britton in charge, Tennessee staggered to a 4–5 season. A 25–0 loss to Alabama at Knoxville, highlighted by the rousing play of Tide senior end Paul "Bear" Bryant, was one of the lowest points of that dismal season. Bryant had arrived in Knoxville on crutches and with his right leg in a cast, the result of a broken shinbone suffered two weeks earlier. But when the Tide began warming up for the game, the team doctor removed the cast. The Bear shed his crutches and was on the field for the opening kickoff.

Bryant had a hand in both of Alabama's first-period touchdowns, catching a pass to set up one score and then serving as the middle man in a bit of forward-lateral razzle-dazzle that sent Riley Smith into the end zone for the second touchdown. On defense Bryant played his usual bruising game. Afterward, when most of the postgame attention focused on him, he tried to shrug it off.

"It was only one little bone," said the Bear, in that self-effacing style that was to become so familiar to sportswriters in later years.

Neyland returned in 1936, but it took him two years to build his forces up to championship level. By the time the 1938 season rolled around, he had amassed a collection of stars that outnumbered their predecessors of a decade earlier. It had tailback George "Bad News" Cafego, end Wyatt, guards Bob Suffridge and Ed Molinski, tackle Abe Shires and wingback Bob Foxx. From that one team came six All-Americans and four Hall of Famers. When the two unbeaten teams lined up at Birmingham on the third Saturday in October, Alabama, which had not lost in 21 consecutive regular-season games, was heavily favored. By kickoff time, Tide backers were spotting three touchdowns to anyone betting on Tennessee.

Bryant, in his first year as an assistant coach at Alabama, had scouted the Vols in an earlier game and had a word of warning for the Crimson Tide.

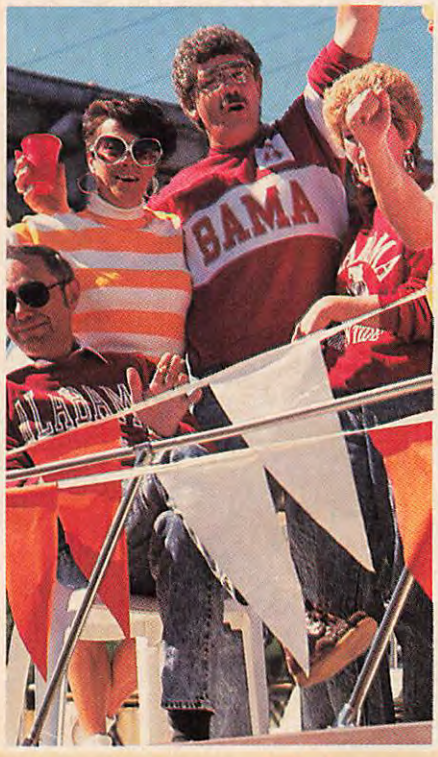
"I learned one thing if I found out nothing else," said the Bear. "If we want to beat Tennessee, we will have to stop that Cafego."

But there was no stopping Cafego that day. He ran and passed the Vols to a 13–0 victory. More than a half-century later, this legend of Tennessee football looked back on that game as the one that sprang the Vols on their three consecutive perfect-record regular seasons (1938, '39, '40) and 31 victories in that span.

"It was *the* game for us," Cafego recalled. "We thought we had a good team, but we knew that if we were going to get anywhere, we had to beat Alabama. Neyland never told us that; he didn't have to. We knew it, anyway."

The 1939 game, at Knoxville, is remembered for one of the most spectacular plays in the history of Southern football. Among Tennessee people it is known simply as Butler's Run. With both national radio networks and many of the nation's top sportswriters on hand, Tennessee sophomore tailback Johnny Butler zigzagged his way through the entire Alabama team: left, right and then left again, en route to a 56-yard touchdown. The Vols went on to win handily 21–0, a happenstance almost lost sight of in the raves over Butler's run. At least two Hollywood feature films of the early 1940s used the play as the hero's game-winning run. Tennessee's game film was in such heavy demand that it got lost in the shuffle somewhere. It was only this past year that Tennessee was able to get a copy for its football centennial videotape —from the Alabama files.

The word from Alabama fans: "Roll, Tide!"



Alabama and Tennessee enjoyed continued success in conference play even in the talent-shy years of World War II. Neyland was off to the China-Burma-India theater, leaving longtime aide John Barnhill to swap moves with Thomas. Tennessee and Alabama fought to a scoreless tie in 1944, when the Vols went to the Rose Bowl, and Alabama's 25–7 win in 1945 sent the Tide (9–0–0) to Pasadena.

Few Alabama-Tennessee games have attracted more attention than the first post-war meeting at Knoxville on Oct. 19, 1946. Neyland was back with the Vols, and an ailing Thomas was in his last season at Alabama. As usual, both teams were undefeated and untied when they met. The Vols won 12–0 on two short touchdown runs by tailback Bob Lund, but the loudest cheers were reserved for a member of the losing team. Alabama's great passer, Harry Gilmer, knocked to the turf time and time again by Tennessee All-America tackle Dick Huffman, finally had to leave the game late in the fourth quarter. As Gilmer wobbled off the field on rubber legs, the entire crowd, Vol and Tide fans alike, rose as one to give him a well-deserved standing ovation.



Tip to top, he's a 'Bama man.

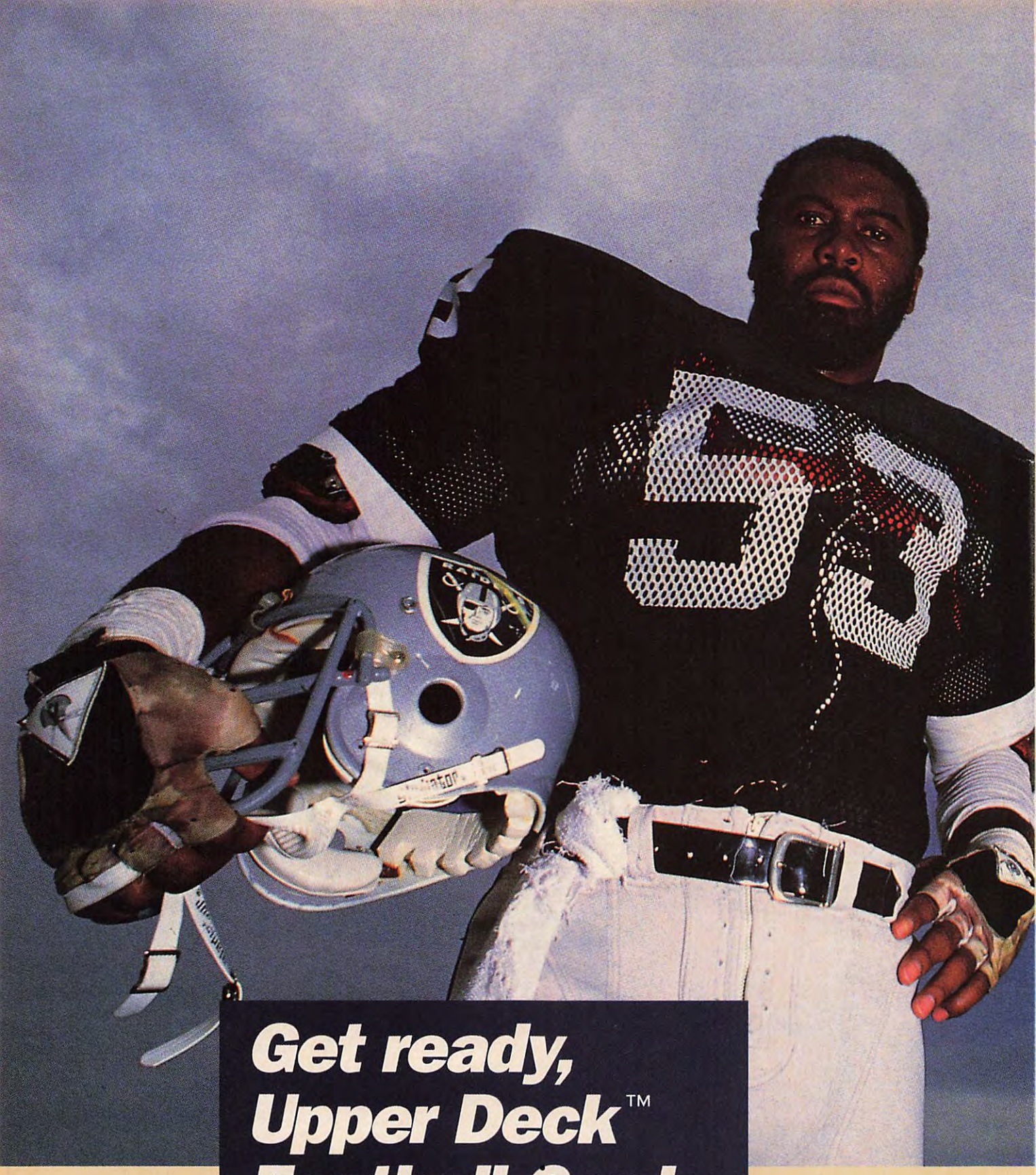


Tickets are at a premium on game day.

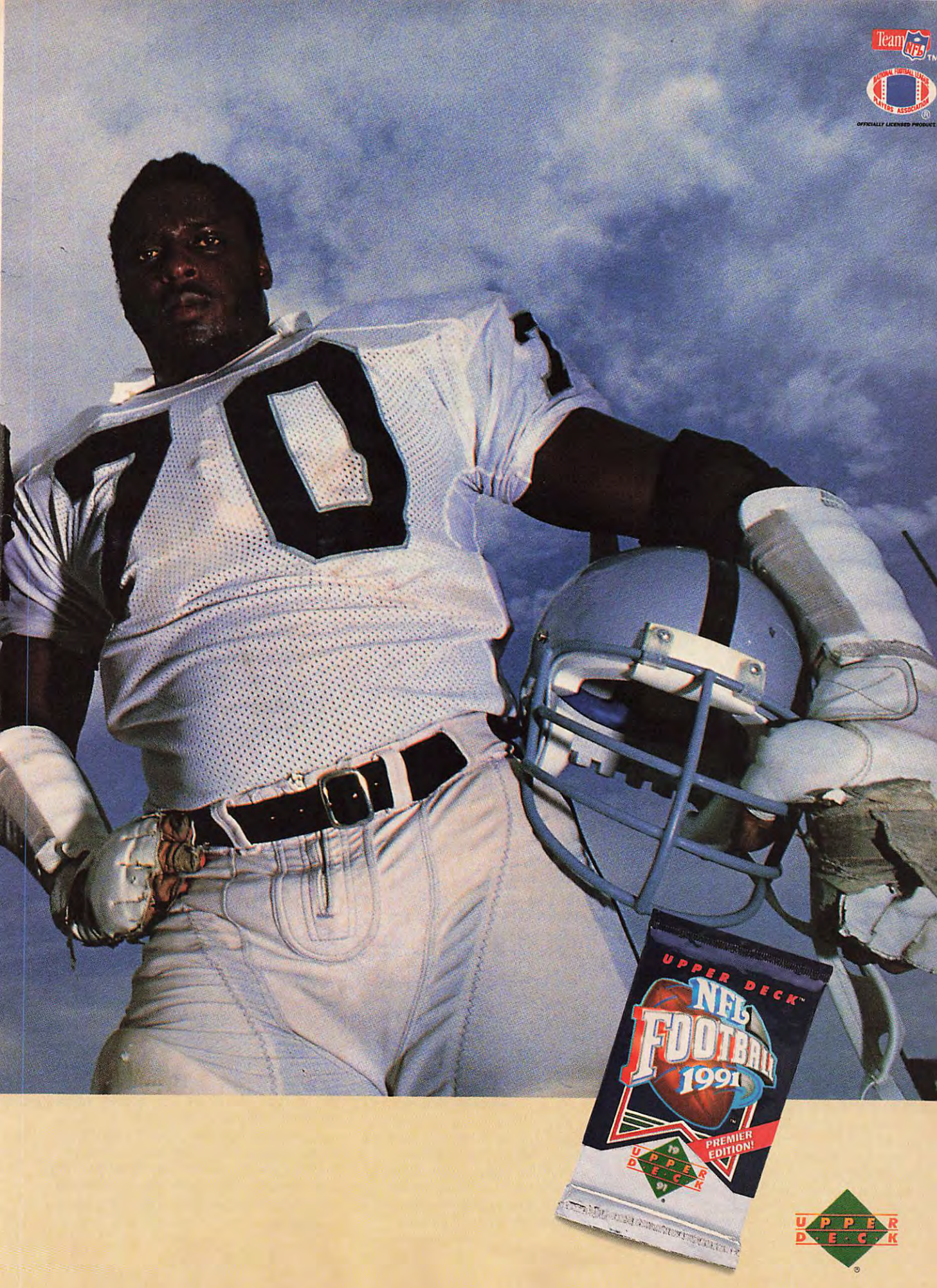
The '46 game completed the Neyland-Thomas rivalry. Red Drew succeeded Thomas as Alabama's coach the following season. The 10 meetings had produced six wins for Neyland, three for Thomas and one tie, but far more significant was the fact that in eight of those 10 games both teams had come in with unbeaten records. Add to these the earlier Neyland-Wade series and the wartime games, and it all adds up to 14 times in 18 meetings from 1928 through 1946 that both teams had gone into the third Saturday in October undefeated. Small wonder, then, that the Alabama-Tennessee game had come to be the South's annual football classic.

Neyland retired after the 1952 season with a 12–5–2 advantage over three Alabama coaches. His last classic battle with the Tide was in 1950 at Knoxville, when the Vols won 14–9 en route to an 11–1 season. An 80-yard fourth-quarter drive paid off with the winning touchdown, and for one of the few times in his career Neyland himself called the plays. He sent in three calls from the sideline that gained about 75 of the 80 yards. The general had resisted the practice of sending in plays, even though it was by this time legal under the rules. Herky Payne, the Vol tailback on the game-winning drive, recalls that the general fancied himself quite a quarterback after that.

"After the game, Neyland called Hank Lauricella and me aside," recalls Payne. "He said, 'I just want to impress on you

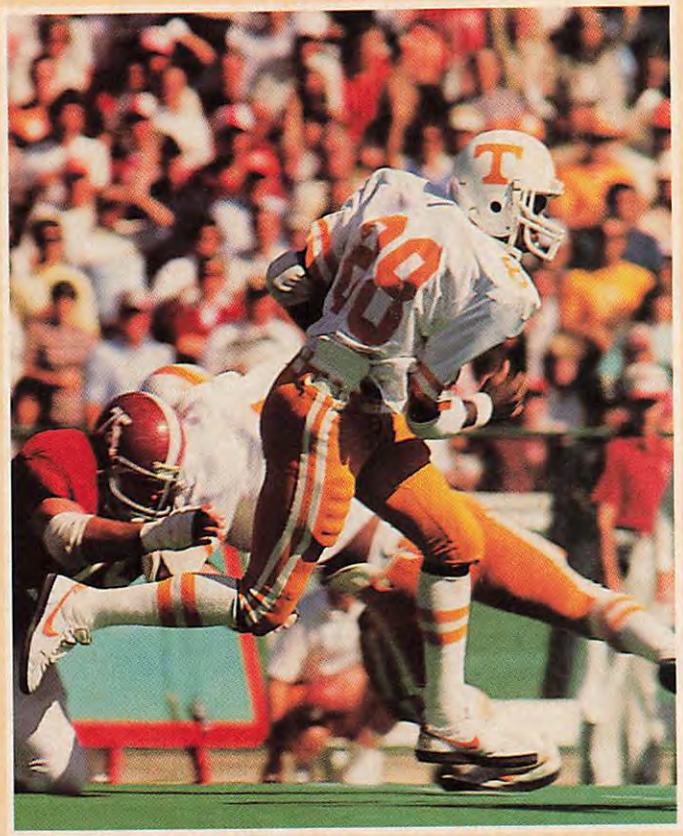


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Johnny Musso of the Tide ripped the Vols in '71 in Birmingham.



In the '85 game, Tennessee wide receiver Tim McGee had a good day.

The Great Rivalries

guys the importance of calling the right play at the right time, like those three I called in that last drive.' "

In the 1950s, the Alabama-Tennessee series went into something of a decline for two reasons. One was that these two no longer dominated as they had in the past; other SEC teams were coming to the front. The other was that the Alabama-Auburn rivalry had been resumed in 1948 after a 41-year lapse, and that backyard feud soon grew into a territorial war. And, too, the Vol-Tide series had become one-sided in favor of Tennessee. Over a period of 13 seasons, 1948 through 1960, the Tide managed only one victory over the Vols.

But the fury on the field whenever the two teams met never diminished. The '60 game at Knoxville provided the background for perhaps the hardest lick ever delivered in the series. It came as the result of a full speed, head-on collision between Tennessee fullback Bunny Orr and Alabama fullback Buddy Wesley on the opening kickoff. Orr took the short kick and lowered his head in typical fullback fashion. He was at full steam when he and Wesley collided at the Tennessee 40-yard line. The force of the blow knocked Wesley into Vol blocking back Jim Cartwright. The stadium rocked. Bill Battle, then an Alabama end, was only a few yards away from the spot.

"I was turned the other way and couldn't see what happened," Battle recalls. "I thought it was some kind of explosion, and I just instinctively dived to the ground."

The befuddled Orr came to quickly and was led off the field. But Wesley lay unconscious for several minutes, blood pouring from under his helmet, as Tide trainer Jim Goostree worked feverishly to restore him. The crowd sat hushed as Wesley was finally taken from the field by stretcher and then on to a hospital. Emergency room tests turned up no serious injuries, but the ordeal took its toll on the Alabama team. The underdog Vols won 20–7.

Bryant had returned to Alabama in 1958 and set about to square the books with the old enemy he had never lost to as a player but had beaten only once in eight tries as a coach (Kentucky, 1946-53). Beginning in 1961, his Tide teams ran off four straight wins, a tie, and then another win over the Vols. These were the years of the great Alabama quarterbacks—Joe Namath, Steve Sloan and Ken Stabler—as Alabama resumed its old habit of winning conference and national championships. For Tennessee, they were years of searching for a new identity. The Vols went from Wyatt, who became coach in 1955, and the single wing to young Doug Dickey and the T-formation when he arrived in 1964.

The 1965 game at Birmingham produced the most bizarre ending of all Alabama-Tennessee games. With the score tied at 7–7 in the final minute of play, the heavily favored Tide was knocking at the door. Then, on fourth down and one at the Tennessee 4, Stabler took the snap and quickly and deliberately threw the ball out of bounds. Possession, of course, went over to Tennessee and the game ended in a deadlock. Alabama placekicker David Ray, who had been waiting for the call to try a game-winning field goal, never got on the field.

It took the Tide's other quarterback, Steve Sloan, to explain Stabler's apparently inexplicable action. Sloan had been in the game when the final series started.

"On second down I was thrown for a loss and fell on my arm, and it went numb," Sloan said. "Coach Bryant sent Stabler in for me. The third-down play was a pass, but everybody was covered so Kenny ran for 13 or 14 yards to inside the 5. He thought he had a first down (which at that time didn't stop the clock), so he threw the ball away to stop the clock."

An angry Bryant then led an angry team to the Alabama dressing room and found the door locked. He told the state trooper who served as his game-day bodyguard to shoot the lock off. The policeman demurred.

"Coach, I might kill some people if I did that," he said.

"Well, then, get your --- out of my way," said the Bear, who proceeded to knock the door off its hinges. That team (9–1–1) was one of his six national champions at Alabama.

It was Tennessee's defense that turned the series around again in the late 1960s. In '67, Vol cornerback Albert Dorsey made All-America by intercepting three Stabler passes, one for a touchdown, in a 24–13 upset win at Birmingham. Two years later, again at Legion Field, Tennessee linebackers Steve Kiner and Jack Reynolds all but buried Tide quarterback Scott Hunter alive in a 41–14 pounding. The mercurial Kiner was so incensed at Alabama's failure to protect its passer that once, after sacking Hunter for the umpteenth time, he grabbed a Tide back and gave him a tongue-lashing.

"Why don't you block for the poor son of a -----?" he said.

Tennessee's run of four wins was completed with a 24–0 victory at Knoxville in 1970 when Battle, now the Vols' head coach, beat his old skipper for the first and only time. Bryant, tired of his team's indifferent blocking, thereafter junked the pro-type passing offense and switched to the wishbone, a move that coincided with Alabama's longest-ever domination of Tennessee. For 11 straight games, 1971 through 1981, the Tide came out on top, and for those longtime Vol fans who remembered back to the Neyland years, it was a bitter pill to swallow.

In the 1972 renewal at Knoxville, the Tide scored late on a touchdown by Wilbur Jackson that was preceded by a 26-yard burst up the middle to the 2 by Steve Bisceglia. Jamie Rotella, Tennessee's All-America linebacker, who gave a worthy opponent his due, said Bisceglia was running "like a wild man. I never saw anybody run like that with such determination."

Jackson scored with 1:48 left. Now, Alabama trailed 10–9. What followed was perhaps the most unexpected decision in the 73-game rivalry, which Alabama leads, 39–27–7.

Naturally, Bryant would elect to win on a two-point conversion. Almost everyone was sure of that. The Bear had a two-point play ready but said that Pat Dye, Auburn's head coach since 1981, then a Tide assistant, "talked me out of it. He said Tennessee would be forced into a passing situation, and we'd make them give up the ball quickly. I have to thank Pat for having a little premonition or something."

After the extra point, Condredge Holloway, on a quarterback draw, fumbled on third down, and Alabama end John Mitchell recovered on the 22-yard line. In one play, quarterback Terry Davis, on a keeper, scored, giving the Tide a 17–10 victory. Only 36 seconds had elapsed since 'Bama's first touchdown.

Battle's teams had lost six in a row to Bryant when he was replaced after the 1976 season by John Majors, whose teams lost five straight to the Bear. After the count reached 10 at Knoxville in 1980, Bryant could find no logical explanation in his postgame remarks.

"I just don't know what to tell you," he said. "This is going to end sometime soon. You know that and I do, too."

It ended two years later, in front of a record-setting crowd at Neyland Stadium, when quarterback Alan Cockrell and receiver Willie Gault led Tennessee to a 35–28 upset victory. Even then it took an end-zone interception by end Mike Terry to put down a furious Alabama rally. Afterward, Bryant seemed almost relieved.

"It was just Tennessee's time to win," he said. "They're good folks and they had suffered long enough. Now you all be careful driving home and don't have any wrecks."

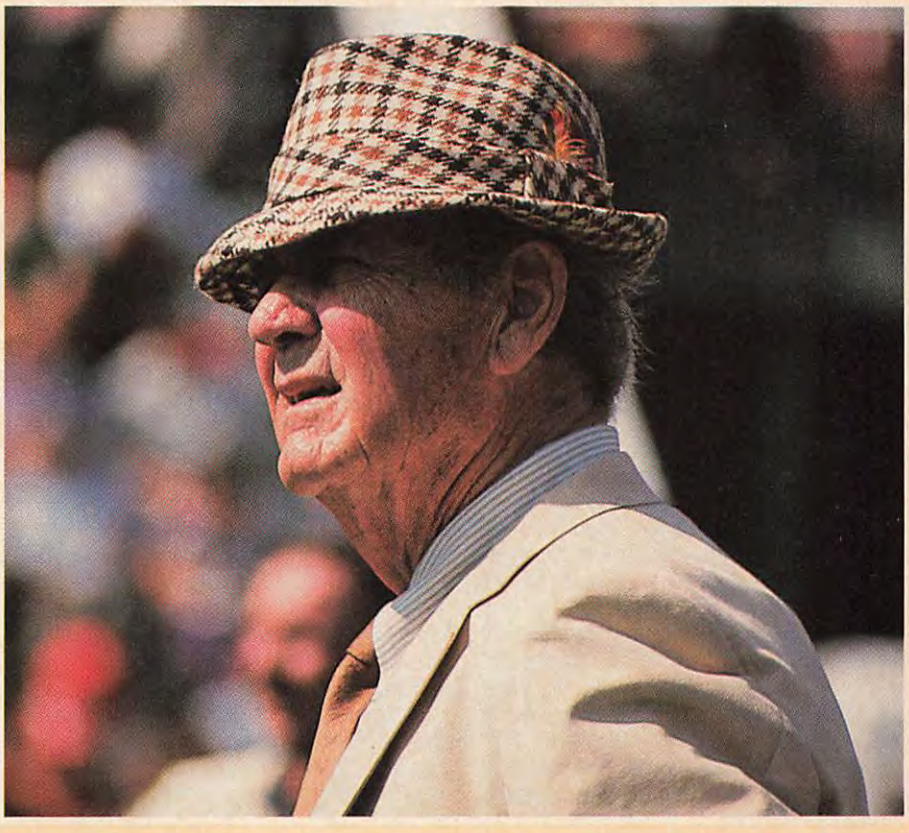
That was Bryant's last Alabama-Tennessee game. He retired after the Liberty Bowl game that season. Only a few weeks after that, he was dead of a heart attack. His Alabama scorecard against the Vols was 16–7–2.

Tennessee won three straight games over Alabama under Bryant's successor, Ray Perkins, thrillers that Majors called "the most exciting series of games I've ever been associated with." In each instance it took some 11th-hour heroics to seal the win. But Perkins got a measure of revenge in Knoxville in 1986 when Alabama scored more points than either team ever had in the series, winning 56–28.

Since then, it has been all Alabama. The Tide, under three different coaches—Perkins, Bill Curry and Gene Stallings—has reeled off five in a row over the Big Orange. The last two have been most painful for Tennessee. The 47–30 setback at Birmingham was their only loss of the 1989 season and may have cost the Vols a national championship.

And then in 1990, first-year Tide Coach Stallings brought an 11-point underdog to Knoxville and gained a 9–6 victory, thanks to a blocked field-goal try that turned into a successful Alabama field goal at the other end of the field. And so now it is Tennessee's turn to mount that familiar old cry, "Wait till next year!" ■

As an Alabama end, Bear Bryant was 3–0 against Tennessee; as the Crimson Tide coach: 16–7–2.



by Steve Wieberg

Facing Up to Reality

"We're in a different world," the Mobil Cotton Bowl's Jim Brock says, shaking his head. "We've got to face reality."

He was speaking of his, and other bowl directors', own growing pile of problems: the IRS and the threat of new taxation, the NCAA and its displeasure with an increasingly messy selection process, an encroaching NFL schedule, a soft economy and consequently skittish sponsors. But he could have been speaking for all of intercollegiate athletics.

It *is* a different world. Coaching staffs and scholarships have been cut, and they figure to be only the first to feel the ax at a time when 70 percent or more of the nation's Division I programs are trying to swim out of a pool of red ink. Not only the influential Knight Commission but also a number of state and federal legislators are threatening to tell the colleges and the NCAA how to conduct their affairs. Conferences continue to realign, hoping to position themselves for a survival-of-the-fittest future. If not quite revolution, it all adds up to evolution at its peak.

"Without a doubt," says Dick Schultz, NCAA executive director, "the '90s are going to be a decade of change in intercollegiate athletics. In my mind, what we've done is really just the first step.

"Everybody is going to have to pull their belts up a notch or two and realize that there are going to be some tough times ahead if we are not prepared to deal with them."

THE BOTTOM LINE: DOLLARS AND CENTS

Schultz estimates that 70 percent of the NCAA's 106 Division I-A athletic programs are operating at deficits. Others are skeptical; they believe the figure to be considerably higher.

An NCAA study, released in 1990, found that the average I-A athletic department lost more than $600,000 the previous year and that, nationwide, the total deficit was almost $300 million.

First steps were taken last January, when NCAA convention delegates in Nashville voted for an array of cost-saving measures: reducing coaching staffs in most Division I sports by at least one position by August 1992 (from an average of 16 in I-A football to a maximum of 13), cutting scholarships by 10 percent by August 1993 (from 95 to 85 in I-A football) and scaling back travel and recruiting.

Approved, too, were landmark proposals to phase out athletic dorms and restrict athletes to one training-table meal a day by August 1996 and, with an eye to "mainstreaming" athletes into everyday campus life, limit their playing and mandatory practice time to four hours a day and 20 hours a week.

Those changes promise to be only the first in a series. But coaches and athletic directors, particularly stung by the staff and scholarship reductions, are raising the questions: Have the higher-ups already gone too far? Is all of this bound to alter what Saturday afternoon fans see on the field?

"We're affecting the quality of the game," Houston Coach John Jenkins argues. His probation-depleted team had only 70 scholarship players last season, 25 less than the overall limit, and "our backup quarterback was a walk-on redshirt freshman who probably couldn't play for half the high schools in Houston. It's going to be an ugly thing, and people are not going to want that on TV."

Says BYU's LaVell Edwards: "These guys are getting bigger, faster and stronger. And we need all the time we can get to teach (how) to make it a safe game, if nothing else, let alone the integrity of the game."

They, and others, look at the delayed implementation dates and hope for some kind of pre-emptive fine-tuning at next January's NCAA convention in Anaheim, Calif. All good and well, the NCAA's Schultz responds, "But the Presidents Commission (which drew up and pushed through many of the measures) has sent out a clear message that it's going to be fine-tuning. It's not going to be reversal."

Meanwhile, Schultz's own solution to the current financial crisis, echoed in the Knight Commission's report in March, is to tighten the leash on the nation's athletic departments, stop requiring them to be self-sufficient and have them funded by their parent universities "like any other auxiliary enterprise or any other department."

MORE MUSICAL CHAIRS

The Big Ten added Penn State. The Southeastern Conference plucked Arkansas. And suddenly, every league and most every school were looking down the road and wondering how and where they fit into the future of college athletics—in particular, the future of televised athletics.

Voila!

- The Atlantic Coast Conference lures perennial powerhouse Florida State and, coming off Georgia Tech's 1990 co-national championship to boot, starts a shopping expedition for a big-time bowl. Its affiliation with the Florida Citrus lasts through this season, but ACC Commissioner Gene Corrigan has made it clear that the game's $1.35-million-per-team payout no longer will be enough.
- The built-for-basketball Big East Conference adds Miami (Fla.), then Rutgers, Temple, Virginia Tech and West Virginia, and goes into the football business. "Our future was at stake," says Commissioner Mike Tranghese, who was trying mightily to appease original football-playing members Pittsburgh, Syracuse and Boston College.

  With schedules virtually set, his league will play only a handful of conference games in 1991 but somehow determine a champion (probably based on rankings). And it was shopping for its own major-bowl affiliation into early summer.
- The ever-progressive SEC also adds South Carolina, plans a split into two six-team divisions when the Gamecocks and Arkansas officially come aboard in 1992 and gleefully looks ahead to a highly marketable championship game between division winners.
- The Southwest Conference, with Texas and Texas A&M at least temporarily staying put in the wake of Arkansas' defection,

continues to talk marriage with the Big Eight. Not merger but a working arrangement that would include such ventures as a basketball challenge series, similar to those used by the ACC and Big East, and a television package of weekly interconference football games.

"We have an obligation to look to the future," says Big Eight Chairman Jon Wefald, president of Kansas State. And in this case, the future potentially could bring 16 percent of the national TV market under one umbrella—if such key members as Missouri, Texas and A&M stay put.

That's a giant-sized if. The two Texas schools talked to the Pacific-10 before that league announced it wasn't interested in expansion. They subsequently declared their intention to remain in the SWC. But neither decision carried a stamp of permanence.

Pac-10 Commissioner Tom Hansen simply said it was "impossible to even consider expansion without extensive additional study, which will require some time." Speculation continues that BYU or Colorado, more likely

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both, could wind up being added.

Texas and Texas A&M want a number of changes in the SWC, including greater flexibility in scheduling and the addition of schools that "substantially enhance televised coverage of football games," and there are murmurs about a possible Texas-Big Ten marriage down the road. Sure, the Big Ten imposed a four-year moratorium on expansion after claiming Penn State, but absolutely nobody is expecting the league to stick with an unwieldly 11 teams, and there are some who suspect it also is looking at Big Eight member Missouri and—drumroll, please—independent granddaddy-of-them-all Notre Dame.

THE BOWLS' WOES

Once, the bowls' worries could be summed up in virtually one word: playoff.

If only life were so simple now.

"It's hard to find anybody who isn't saying, 'There's going to be a change in five or six years; count on it,' " says Steve Hatchell, executive director of the Federal Express Orange Bowl and chairman of the Football Bowl Association. "But what it's going to be, they can't tell you."

The ever-growing checklist of concerns:

- Conference realignment. Brock and the Cotton Bowl were rethinking their ties to the SWC when Arkansas jumped ship and Texas and Texas A&M were threatening, and will think again if either of the latter follows through. The Orange must keep an eye on the Big Eight. And the Fiesta, in search of a title sponsor after losing Sunkist, and possibly the ACC-less Citrus were looking hard at the newly configured Big East.
- Higher payouts to participating teams. The NCAA-enforced minimum jumped from $500,000 to $600,000 per team last season and will escalate to $750,000 by 1993.
- Stricter selection criteria. A winning record used to be enough but, starting this season, a team must have at least six wins against Division I-A opponents to merit an invitation. That would have reduced last year's field of candidates to 43, a precious few more than the 36 needed to fill the current 18 bowls.
- The IRS, which as of early summer was expected to rule that money from corporate sponsors was not merely a donation, but payment for advertising and thus fully taxable. How many of those sponsors would open up their checkbooks then?
- The expanded NFL schedule, looming as the biggest threat. The NFL stretched its 16-game regular season over 17 weeks in 1990 and will take up 18 weeks in '91, running into the bowls' pre-New Year's weekend and creating a host of headaches: from stadium availability to conflicts with NFL games on the bowls' own television networks to conflicts on opposing networks.

Most recently, however, attention has been focused on the muddled, much-criticized process of team selection.

The NCAA, disgusted with the lack of adherence to the mid-November selection date, voted in January to eliminate it and talked of drawing up plans for a more orderly draft: bowls picking teams or vice versa. The bowls, in turn, promised to stick to a third-Sunday-in-November date, police themselves and slap offenders with a $250,000 fine.

Meantime, in addition to the Citrus-ACC uncertainty, the bowls are playing some musical chairs of their own. The Orange, USF&G Sugar and Cotton were talking in the spring about a marriage with the Big East, ACC and Notre Dame. The highest-ranked team among the two conferences and Notre Dame would play the highest-ranked team going to any of the three bowls. And both the Pac-10's Hansen and Big Ten counterpart Jim Delany were shopping for permanent postseason berths for their respective runners-up.

AND COMING UP . . .

The NCAA's Schultz has identified two priority issues for this year, academics and enforcement. And already, the wheels of change are turning.

Quietly last spring, an NCAA committee forwarded a recommendation to toughen the already-controversial academic standards of Proposition 48. Leave the minimum ACT and SAT scores (18 and 700) alone, it said, but require incoming freshman athletes to attain a 2.5 grade-point average in 13 high school core-curriculum courses instead of the current 2.0 GPA in 11 core courses.

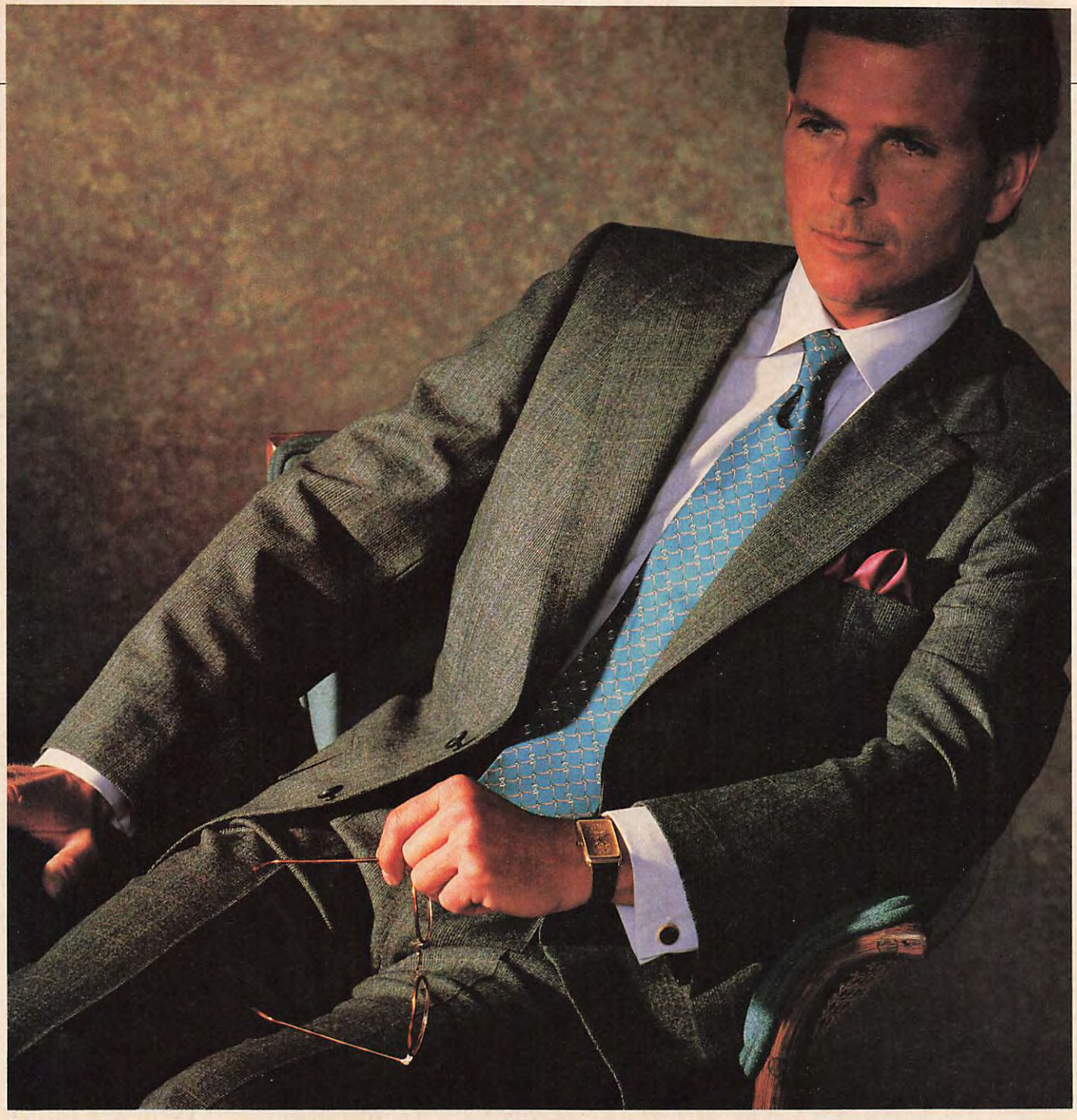
Recommended, too, were mininum college grade points—1.9 after three years, 2.0 after four—if an athlete wants to continue to compete. The NCAA Presidents Commission was expected to endorse the proposals over the summer and put them to a vote at the NCAA's 1992 convention in Anaheim.

That's also where the membership is expected to address the NCAA's equally controversial enforcement process, which is under review by a 10-man committee that includes former U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger and three other sitting or retired judges. It comes in the wake of criticism from a number of schools and individuals hit with recent sanctions: Maryland, Florida, Illinois and Missouri, not to mention Nevada-Las Vegas basketball Coach Jerry Tarkanian—and in the face of regulatory bills signed or pending in at least eight states.

The issue is "such a lightning rod," Schultz says. "It's 99 percent of the negatives involved with college athletics and the NCAA, and it's a lose-lose situation. The school loses, the NCAA loses, college athletics loses."

Throw in another landmark proposal to allow athletes who enter professional drafts, but opt against turning pro, to keep their college eligibility. Get into that promised "fine-tuning" of this year's cuts. And as important and animated as this year's convention was, the next promises to be even more so.

"We took a first, small step this year (when some initial cuts in playing and practice seasons were adopted in 1991)," Schultz says. "We took a second, larger step this season. But there are still changes that need to be made in the years ahead, and I think everyone is prepared to do that." ■



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is free safety Dale Carter, who had five interceptions and 58 tackles. Linebacker Earnest Fields was third in the SEC in tackles with 140.

On Dec. 1, Alabama ended the 1990 regular season by beating Auburn for the first time since 1985. A month later, the Crimson Tide began the new year by losing 34–7 to Louisville in the Fiesta Bowl. Such was the topsy-turvy debut for Alabama Coach Gene Stallings.

Despite the stumble into '91, the Tide should do better this season. Stallings is optimistic that tailback Siran Stacy, who was injured last year after rushing for 1,079 yards and scoring 17 touchdowns in '89, will be back in full stride. The defense, which led the SEC, returns seven starters, including all-conference linebacker John Sullins.

Poor Georgia. Not only have the Bulldogs lost their spot in the upper tier of the SEC, but after last season they ranked a distant third in Peach State prestige, behind national champions Georgia Tech (United Press International poll) and Georgia Southern (Division I-AA).

But with 19 starters returning, the 'Dawgs' blue baying will end soon. The offense is balanced, with the running of Garrison Hearst and Larry Ware (1,251 combined rushing yards) and the passing of Greg Talley to Andre Hastings. Linebacker DeWayne Simmons leads 10 starters back on defense.

Louisiana State also is looking to shake the Saturday doldrums. And new Coach Curley Hallman, who was 23–12 in three years at Southern Mississippi, should put the Tigers on the straight and narrow. All 11 starters return on defense and nine on offense.

Mississippi's 9–3 record in 1990 was its best since 1971, but matching it could be tricky. The offense lost six starters, including running back Randy Baldwin, the Rebels' leading rusher the last two seasons. Tom Luke is a cool-hand quarterback. Linebacker Phillip Kent led the team in sacks with 10.

Bill Curry put spice back into Kentucky football in his first season as head coach there. The Wildcats won three conference games for the first time since 1984. Fourteen starters return, eight on an experienced defense led by nose guard Joey Couch. Quarterback is a question mark, but four of the five starting offensive linemen are back.

After a two-year hiatus from coaching, Jackie Sherrill returns to the game as head man at Mississippi State. His work is cut out for him, but in time Sherrill could lead the Bulldogs toward the top of the conference.

Gerry DiNardo, former offensive coordinator at national champion Colorado, is the new head coach at Vanderbilt. DiNardo's concern isn't winning a national title; it's helping the Commodores to get over the hump of one-win records the last two seasons. ■

Athlon's All-SEC Team

Offense

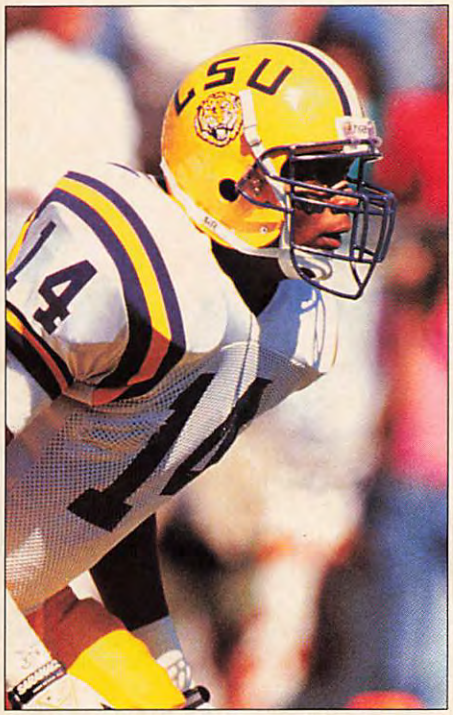
TE	Treddis Anderson	Mississippi State	6–2	239	Senior
T	Chuck Bradley	Kentucky	6–5	278	Junior
G	Tom Myslinski	Tennessee	6–3	285	Senior
C	Cal Dixon	Florida	6–4	278	Senior
G	Everett Lindsay	Mississippi	6–5	285	Junior
T	Mark White	Florida	6–5	293	Senior
WR	Carl Pickens	Tennessee	6–3	200	Junior
QB	Shane Matthews	Florida	6–3	191	Junior
RB	Siran Stacy	Alabama	6–0	190	Senior
RB	Garrison Hearst	Georgia	5–11	190	Sophomore
FL	Todd Kinchen	Louisiana State	6–0	192	Senior

Defense

DL	Brad Culpepper	Florida	6–2	263	Senior
DL	Joey Couch	Kentucky	6–1	250	Senior
DL	Marc Boutte	Louisiana State	6–4	260	Senior
LB	Tim Paulk	Florida	6–1	229	Senior
LB	John Sullins	Alabama	6–1	225	Senior
LB	Earnest Fields	Tennessee	5–11	239	Senior
LB	Darrel Crawford	Auburn	6–2	226	Senior
DB	Derriel McCorvey	Louisiana State	6–1	194	Junior
DB	Dale Carter	Tennessee	6–2	182	Senior
DB	Will White	Florida	6–1	198	Junior
DB	Corey Barlow	Auburn	5–10	186	Senior

Specialists

KR	Dale Carter	Tennessee	6–2	182	Senior
PR	Tony James	Mississippi State	5–9	184	Junior
K	Jim Von Wyl	Auburn	5–8	170	Senior
P	David Lawrence	Vanderbilt	6–4	227	Junior



Marc Boutte (left) and Anthony Marshall (above) want LSU football on top again.

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the loss of center Blake Miller. Sophomore Kevin Mawae (6–4, 244) is at left tackle, and senior Andy Martin (6–5, 275) is the right tackle. The guards are juniors Darron Landry (6–3, 260) and Mike Duplantis (6–4, 259). Junior Frank Godfrey (6–4, 251) should step in for Miller at center. Sophomore Harold Bishop (6–6, 242), who caught 10 passes for 107 yards a year ago, is the tight end.

Hardest hit by graduation was the backfield. Gone is quarterback Sol Graves, who started five games in 1990, and tailback Harvey Williams, who rushed for 953 yards last season, third-best in the SEC. Williams' backup, Calvin Windom, is also gone.

Sophomore Chad Loup, who started six games last year and passed for 975 yards and three touchdowns, is expected to win the quarterback job.

Junior Odell Beckham, who played in nine games and scored two touchdowns last season, is the likely starter at tailback. Junior Sammy Seamster returns at fullback.

LSU's most dangerous weapon might be senior split end Todd Kinchen, who averaged 19.4 yards per catch and scored three touchdowns last season before going down with a broken collarbone in the eighth game. Sophomore Marcus Carter, who caught 24 passes for 299 yards and four touchdowns in '90, is the flanker. Sophomore split end Scott Ray should also see action.

Hallman can only hope that experience can make a difference. LSU finished last in the SEC in scoring offense in '90, averaging

only 16.6 points per game and scoring just 20 touchdowns.

The Tigers were much better on defense. Besides leading the SEC in pass defense (126.8 yards per game, eight touchdowns, 19 interceptions), they ranked seventh in scoring defense. Where they must improve is against the run; opponents averaged 213.1 yards per game on the ground, second-highest average in the league. Again, experience should help.

Senior Marc Boutte (6–4, 260) returns at tackle, where he recorded six sacks, 10 stops behind the line of scrimmage and 68 total tackles. Either Leonard Harris (6–6, 279) or John Morgan (6–5, 270), both juniors, will be at the other tackle. Senior Scott Wharton (6–1, 254), fourth on the team with 71 tackles last season, is the nose guard.

Junior Juan Cendoya (6–3, 231) or sophomore Mike Hewitt (6–3, 223), and sophomore Roovelroe Swan (6–3, 210) are the outside linebackers. Swan had 67 tackles last season.

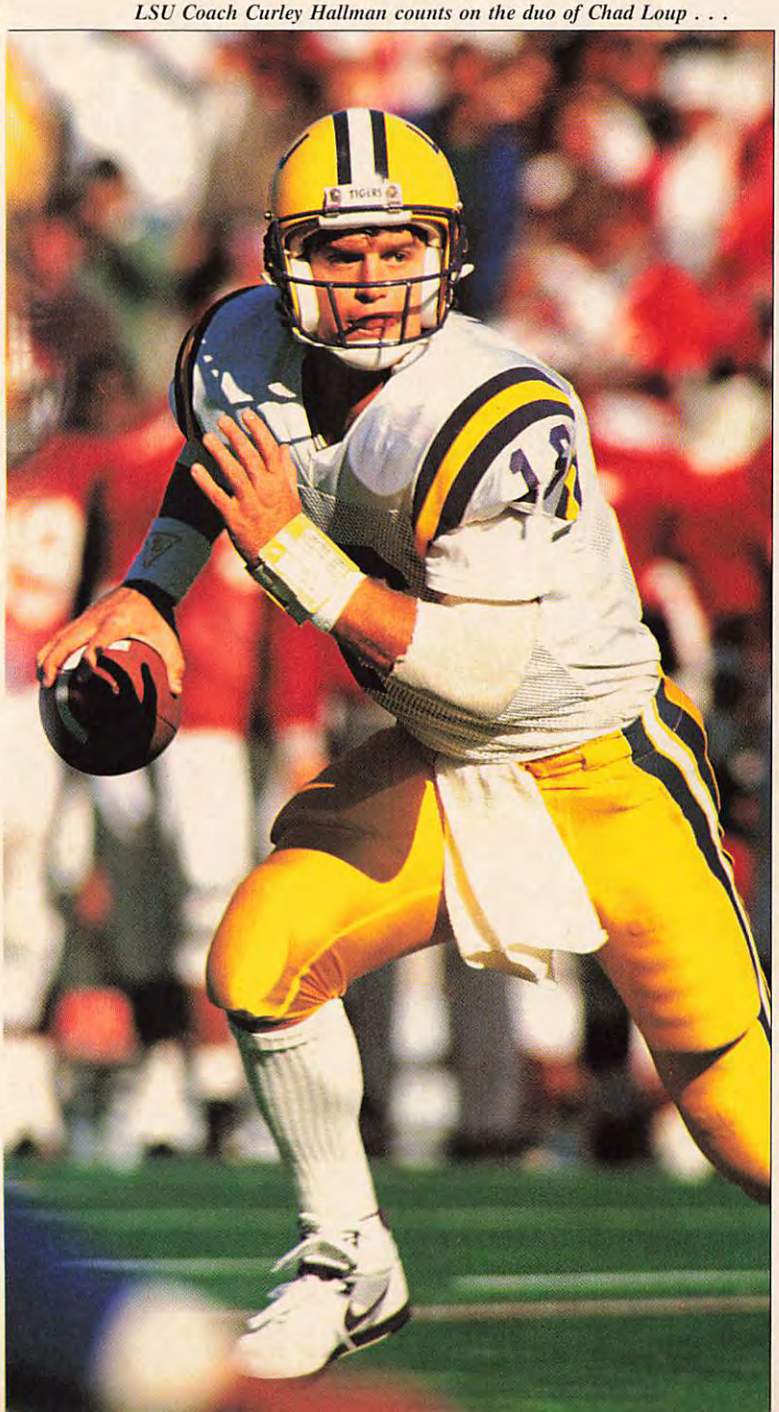
Junior David Walkup (6–1, 222) and senior Fred Soares (6–2, 220) return at inside linebacker. Walkup was second on the team with 82 tackles. Soares made 44 tackles as a part-time starter.

Along with McCorvey in the secondary are sophomore free safety Anthony Marshall and senior cornerbacks Wayne Williams and Corey Raymond. Marshall made a team-high 90 tackles last season. Junior Ray Adams should also see action at cornerback; he and Raymond tied as team leaders in interceptions with four.

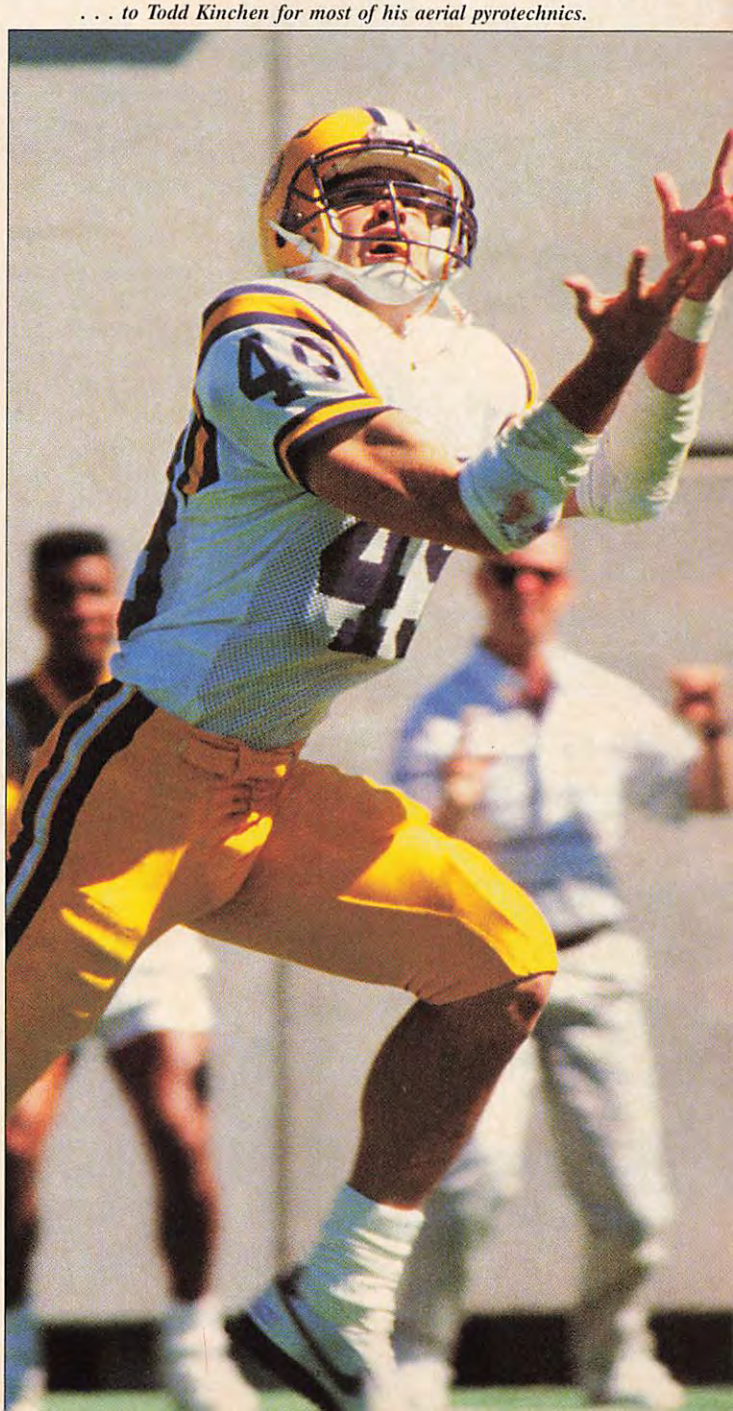
Both kicking specialists return. Junior Pedro Suarez made 15 of 17 field-goal attempts last season. His longest was 51 yards. Senior Brian Griffith averaged 41.6 yards per punt, second-best in the SEC.

Hallman's new team will be tested early with trips to Georgia and Texas A&M. But that is followed by home games with Vanderbilt, Florida and Arkansas State. In all, LSU plays six games at Tiger Stadium, where it was 5–1 in 1990. ■

LSU Coach Curley Hallman counts on the duo of Chad Loup . . .



. . . to Todd Kinchen for most of his aerial pyrotechnics.



LOUISVILLE

Although Louisville repeatedly had issued impending storm warnings, last year's whirlwind, record-smashing, most-wins-ever season still seems to surprise a lot of folks.

The Cardinals' success included a 10–1–1 record, a 34–7 Fiesta Bowl romp over Alabama and Top 20 rankings (12th by United Press International, 14th by The Associated Press) for the first time since 1972.

Running back Ralph Dawkins, reflecting on last year's doings, has only one question: Why is everybody so surprised?

"Coach (Howard) Schnellenberger had been telling people all along that we could compete for a national championship," Dawkins says. "I don't know about everybody else, but I believed him. I think we kind of took last season in stride, because we knew going in that we should have a good year. We had confidence in our ability."

"No matter where we are on the field, I think end zone. In my mind, I'm going to score every time I carry the ball."

Dawkins contributed greatly to Louisville's success. He became the first freshman in the school's history to lead the Cardinals in rushing (542 yards and five touchdowns on 121 carries). He also caught 27 passes for 373 yards and a touchdown.

With three seasons of eligibility ahead of him, Dawkins figures to make impressive encores.

"I don't look at it in terms of personal records or achievements," says the soft-spoken Dawkins. "All I want to do is help our team win. If I get a lot of yardage and we win, that's great. If I don't have much yardage and we still win, that's great too."

As for becoming the first freshman to lead Louisville in rushing, he says, "I didn't know about it until the end of the season. It's an individual honor and something I'm proud of, but our season was nicer."

Dawkins was anxious to get started last year after being redshirted in 1989.

"I wasn't used to sitting out like that," he says. "I felt left out. I was definitely ready to go last season. I felt that I had missed out on a year of football and had some catching up to do."

Dawkins, with his low center of gravity and breakaway speed, presents an elusive, hard-to-handle target for would-be tacklers. Asked to define his running style, he shrugs and says: "Any style I have just comes natural. It's not something I'm conscious of. When I get the ball, no matter where we are on the field, I think end zone. In my mind, I'm going to score every time I carry the ball."

Dawkins says he was lured to Louisville by the upbeat, optimistic approach of Schnellenberger, who upon his arrival six years ago immediately promised to contend eventually for a national title.

"I was impressed with where the program was headed, and I wanted to be a part of it," Dawkins says. "Last season was a perfect example of why I came here. We proved we could win and win big."

Heading into the season, Schnellenberger said, "We are still on a course with the national championship. The only variable is time."

The Cardinals may have set the clock ahead. Their 10–1–1 campaign followed 8–3 and 6–5 seasons that were Louisville's first back-to-back winning years since 1977-78. The 1990 team broke the Louisville attendance record by more than 50,000.

The fans got their money's worth. The Cardinals' offense, behind the rifle arm of quarterback Browning Nagle, averaged 28.3 points, outscoring opponents by more than 15 points a game. And a Louisville defense that ranked 106th in the nation in total defense five years ago finished in the top 10.

Says Dawkins: "The defense was a real key. It put us in a position to win a lot of games."

As the first freshman ever to lead Louisville in rushing, Ralph Dawkins couldn't help but draw a crowd.





Jeff Brohm should feel right at home as the Cardinals' new quarterback.

Schnellenberger believes Louisville's program is on the course he charted. "We've made steady progress, just like we had hoped," he says. "When we started the job in the winter of 1984-85, I said we were trying to condense a 15-year building program into something less than that. Our objective then and now is a program that will challenge the best teams in the country.

"We've traveled a long way toward that dream. There are still a few miles to go. But what's important today is that our program is entering the winning cycle. We're recruiting at a higher level than ever before, our schedule is a solid and exciting one for years to come, and fan support and ticket sales are at an all-time high."

Louisville won only five games the two seasons before Schnellenberger arrived and just five more in his first two years.

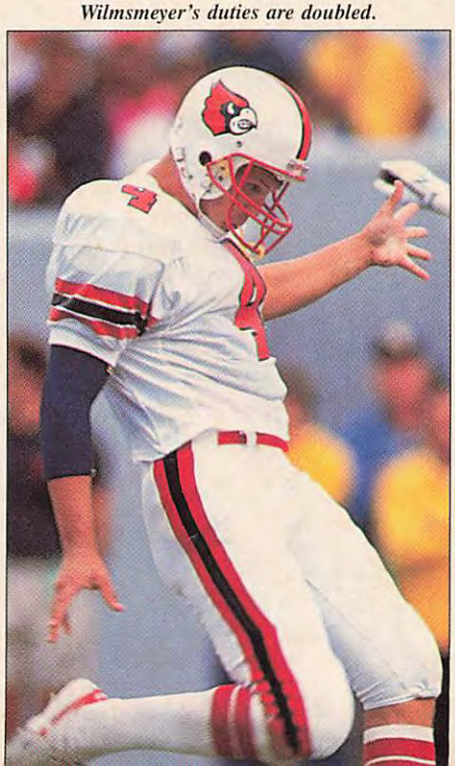
"I never really understood what a quantum leap meant until now," he says. "The Fiesta Bowl put our program ahead two or three years. That win proved that we can, in fact, compete with any team in America and have a legitimate chance to win. This will change the way we are perceived by high school prospects, TV, coaches, fans and potential fans."

The Cardinals face a rugged '91 schedule that includes four teams that played in 1990-91 bowl games. Among the opponents who stand between Louisville and its better-than-ever aspirations are Tennessee, Ohio State, Florida State and Southern Mississippi.

Schnellenberger, who returns five starters on offense and four on defense, says: "I feel very good about the 68 players we have coming back. We are blessed with a lot of talent in some areas, maybe more than ever."

Replacing Nagle, the Fiesta Bowl Offensive

Wilmsmeyer's duties are doubled.



MVP who threw for 2,150 yards in 1990, will be the first order of business. Schnellenberger, famous for his quarterbacks, will look to homegrown Jeff Brohm, a junior who has never lost a game as a starting quarterback (two undefeated state championships at Louisville's Trinity High School).

Along with Dawkins, the Cardinals' backfield will feature halfback Curtis Lipsey, a junior. Junior Greg Brohm, Jeff's brother, will operate at wide receiver and senior Fred Jones at flanker. Both are returning starters.

"We came here to win a national championship. . . . We won't be satisfied until we win it."

Senior Carey Figg (6–1, 265) heads the depth chart at center, with senior Darryl Swafford (6–4, 251) and sophomore Dave Debold (6–2, 245) at guard. Tackles are senior Bill Bosworth (6–4, 256) and junior Kevin Blumeier (6–3, 259), who was voted the outstanding lineman last season. Juniors Tony Semak (6–4, 218) and Jose Gonzalez (6–4, 209) will compete for the tight end job. Figg and Blumeier are the only returning starters in the offensive line.

Senior Klaus Wilmsmeyer will handle placekicking and punting. The Canadian kicker was among the nation's top 10 punters last year and hit a 51-yard field goal against Pittsburgh.

Defensively, Louisville must replace six of its front seven. Only senior end Brian Hayes (6–3, 254) returns to anchor the group. Sophomores Leonard Ray (6–3, 237) and Jim Hanna (6–3, 229) head the candidates at tackle, with Hayes and senior Mel Mills (6–3, 246) at end.

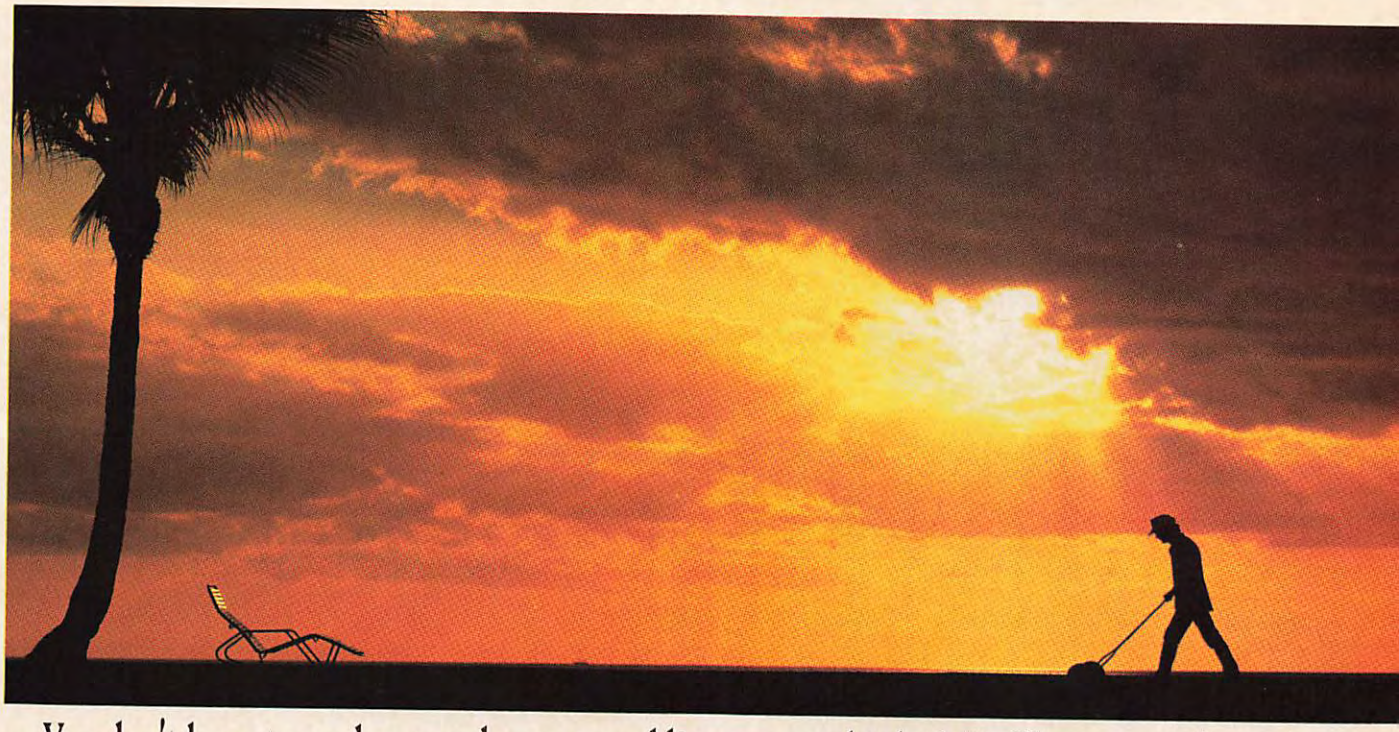
All three linebacker slots must be refilled. Topping the depth chart are sophomore Tom Cavallo (6–1, 217), junior Andy Culley (6–3, 233) and sophomore Ben Sumpter (6–1, 205).

Sophomore Kevin Gaines and senior William Blackford are leading cornerback contenders, with juniors Rawle Bynoe at safety and Ray Buchanan at free safety.

The strength of the defense should be the secondary. Blackford led the team in interceptions last year, and Buchanan was named the Defensive MVP in the Fiesta Bowl.

As satisfying as last season was, Dawkins says he and his teammates want more.

"We came here to win a national championship," he says. "Coach Schnellenberger has said that and I feel the same way. We won't be satisfied until we win it. It's like Browning Nagle said last year, anybody who was a non-believer before should be a believer now. Louisville football is here to stay." ■



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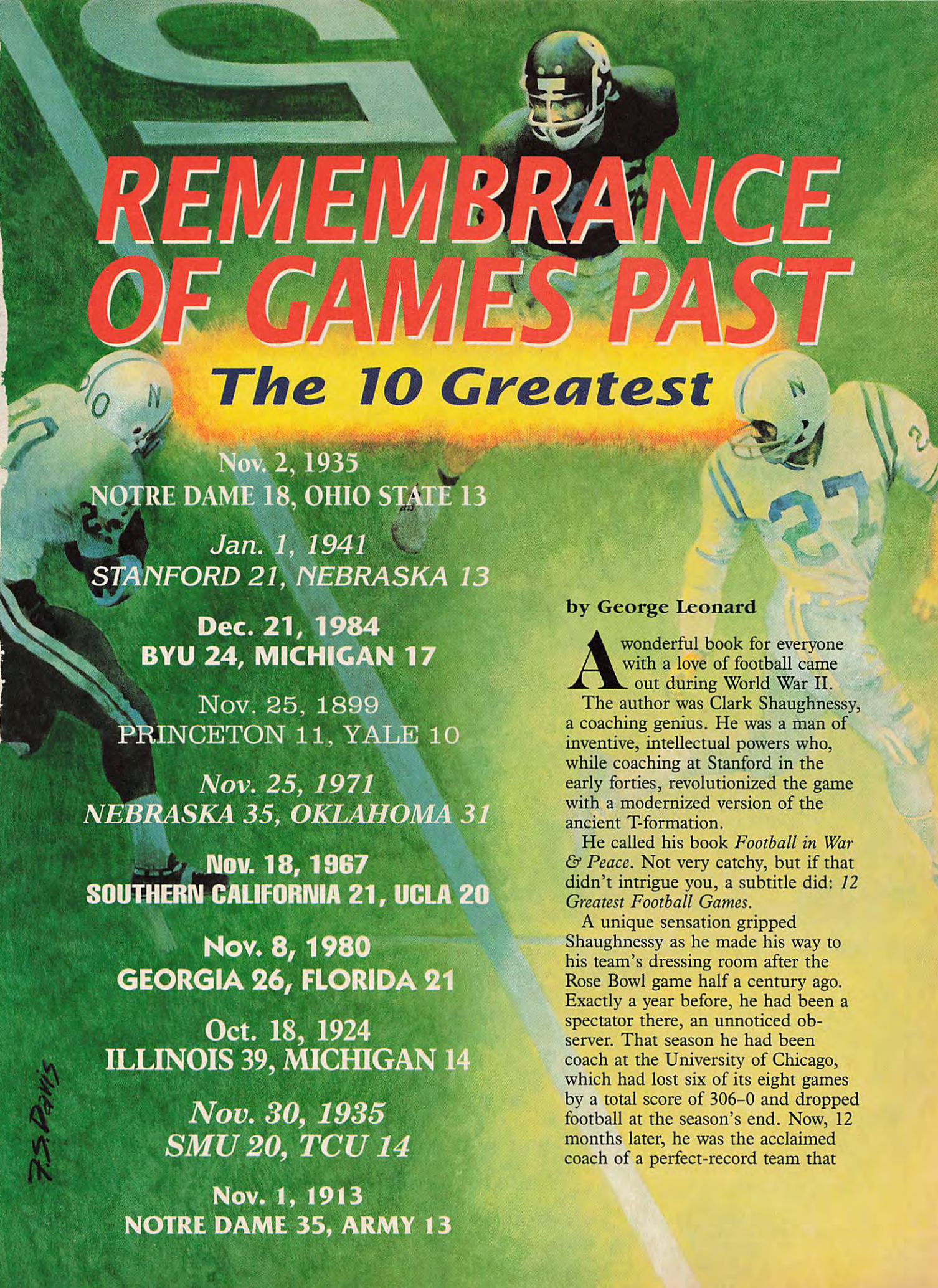


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STANFORD 21, NEBRASKA 13

Dec. 21, 1984
BYU 24, MICHIGAN 17

Nov. 25, 1899
PRINCETON 11, YALE 10

Nov. 25, 1971
NEBRASKA 35, OKLAHOMA 31

Nov. 18, 1967
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 21, UCLA 20

Nov. 8, 1980
GEORGIA 26, FLORIDA 21

Oct. 18, 1924
ILLINOIS 39, MICHIGAN 14

Nov. 30, 1935
SMU 20, TCU 14

Nov. 1, 1913
NOTRE DAME 35, ARMY 13

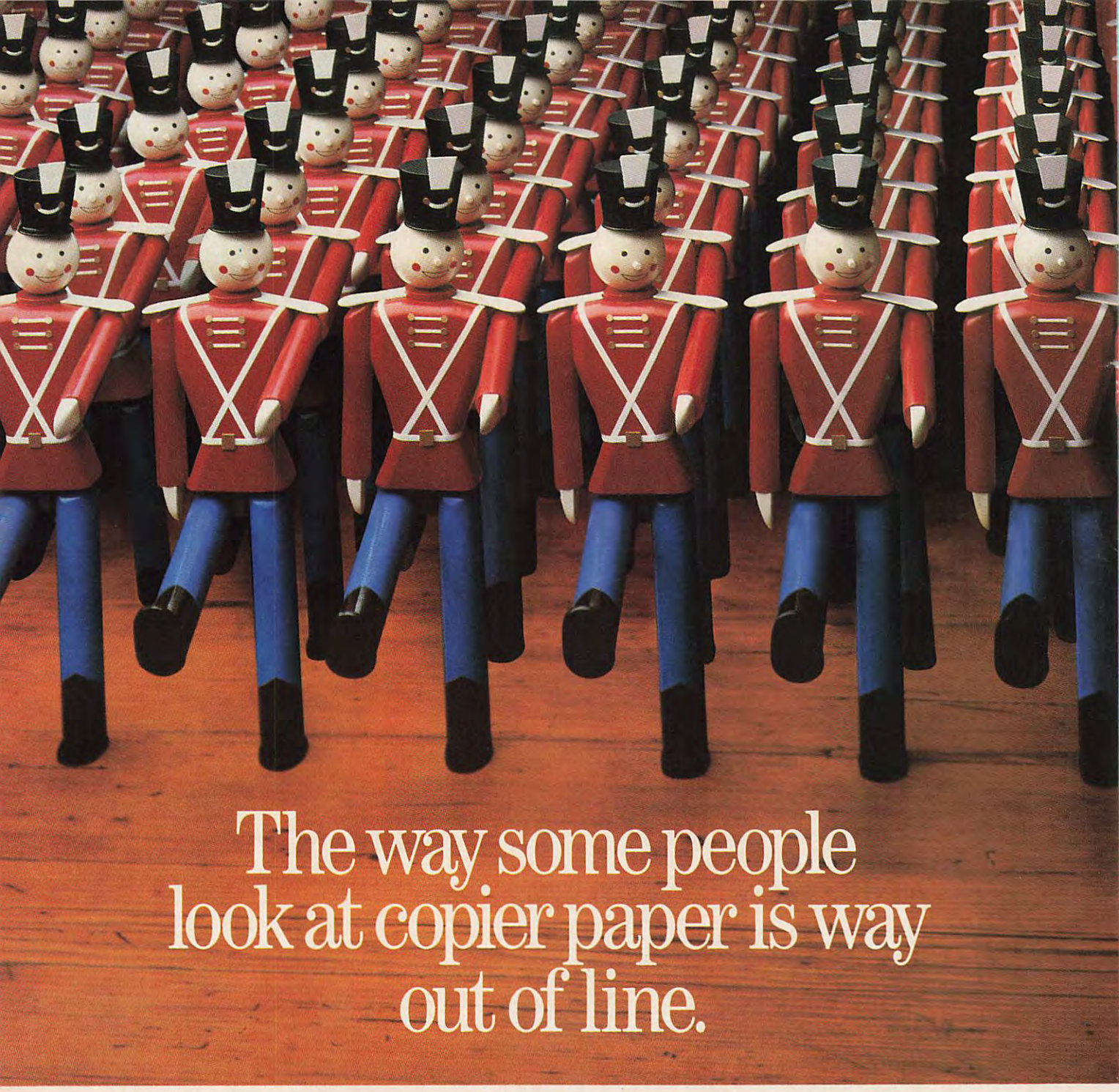
by George Leonard

A wonderful book for everyone with a love of football came out during World War II.

The author was Clark Shaughnessy, a coaching genius. He was a man of inventive, intellectual powers who, while coaching at Stanford in the early forties, revolutionized the game with a modernized version of the ancient T-formation.

He called his book *Football in War & Peace*. Not very catchy, but if that didn't intrigue you, a subtitle did: *12 Greatest Football Games*.

A unique sensation gripped Shaughnessy as he made his way to his team's dressing room after the Rose Bowl game half a century ago. Exactly a year before, he had been a spectator there, an unnoticed observer. That season he had been coach at the University of Chicago, which had lost six of its eight games by a total score of 306–0 and dropped football at the season's end. Now, 12 months later, he was the acclaimed coach of a perfect-record team that



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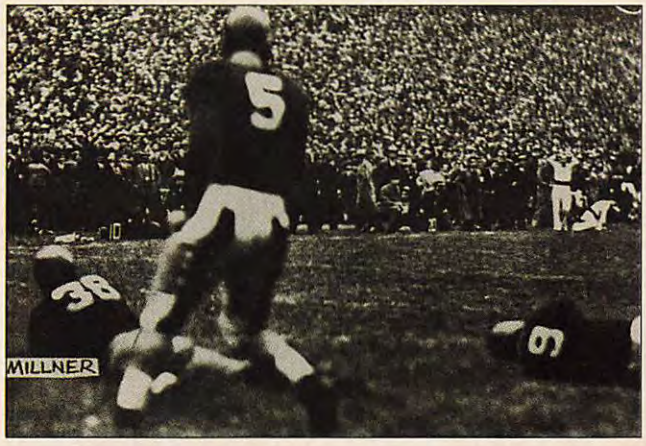
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(Right) The climax of The Greatest Game, 56 years ago, came when Wayne Millner (38) of Notre Dame caught a last-minute touchdown pass from Bill Shakespeare to overcome Ohio State's apparently insurmountable lead; on the silent Ohio State sideline, one cheerleader tore his hair as another collapsed. (Above) Earlier in the game, Tippy Dye of Ohio State took off around end.

had made history with its highly sophisticated offense.

The game Stanford had just won, 21–13 over Nebraska, had been virtually a clinic. And Shaughnessy and his players well knew it. It would have been strange if he hadn't reflected on what a difference a year had made as he walked off the historic field and glanced toward the seat he had occupied high in the stadium on the previous New Year's Day.

PASS THE T, PLEASE

Shaughnessy's flair for wide-open football brought about one of the most important contributions to the game in this century. After arriving at Stanford in 1940, he revived the original formation that dated back to 1890, when the center snapback by hand was legalized. Shaughnessy gave it a fresh, deceptive look with men in motion, flankers and spreads among its intricacies.

"I found at Stanford the perfect ingredients for the T," Shaughnessy said. "There has never been a better backfield combination than Frankie Albert at quarterback, halfbacks Pete Kmetovic and Hugh Gallarneau, and Norm Standlee at fullback."

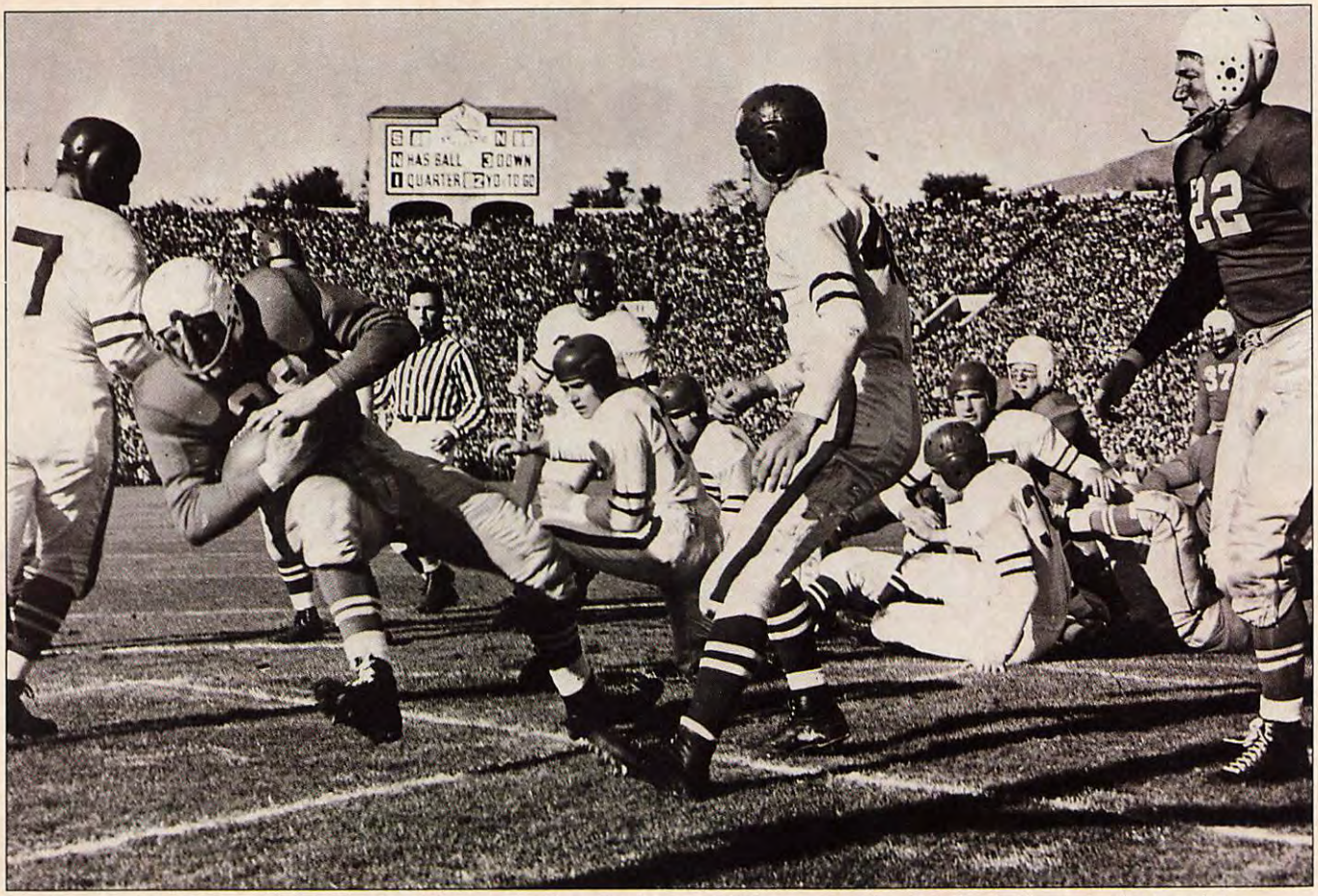
Not surprisingly, Shaughnessy chose the Stanford-Nebraska game of Jan. 1, 1941, in the Rose Bowl as one of the 12 greatest. The game had far-reaching significance. His jazzed-up T was immediately copied by a majority of colleges. In a few years, it was used almost universally.

Impact on the game, logically, was a strong consideration in Shaughnessy's selections. The other 11 that marked "some significant milestone" (his words) were, chronologically: Michigan 6, Minnesota 0, 1910; Carlisle (with Jim Thorpe) 18, Harvard 15, 1911; Notre Dame (Knute Rockne was captain and left end) 35, Army 13, 1913; Harvard (with Charlie Brickley kicking five field goals, four by dropkicks) 15, Yale 5, 1913; Centre 6 (Bo McMillin scored), Harvard 0, 1921; Tulane (coached by Shaughnessy) 21, Vanderbilt 13, 1924; Army 21, Navy 21, 1926; Southern California 16, Notre Dame 14, 1931; Minnesota (starring Pug Lund) 13, Pittsburgh 7, 1934; Southern Methodist 20, Texas Christian 14, 1935; Pennsylvania 7, Princeton 0, 1936.

Football's centennial was celebrated in 1969. On the occasion of the 100th anniversary, the NCAA asked Bill Callahan, then sports information director at the University of Missouri, to contact a group of well-known sportswriters, seeking their votes on the 10 top college games in history. These criteria were established: national impact, drama, upset significance, coaching strategy and individual performance.

The panel's No. 1 choice was Notre Dame's last-minute, 18–13 victory over Ohio State at Columbus on Nov. 2, 1935. Both teams were undefeated and untied, and had national championship aspirations, not to be realized.

So charged was the atmosphere in Columbus that Notre Dame Coach Elmer Layden decided to hold Friday afternoon's practice at a secluded seminary outside the city. Layden figured that if his team worked out at Ohio Stadium, where the game would be played, thousands of Buckeye partisans would gather and harass



Vike Francis of Nebraska scored the first touchdown in the Rose Bowl game of 50 years ago; after that, Stanford's modernized version of the original 19th century T-formation bewildered the Cornhuskers in a game that marked a major change in football's evolution.

the Irish. To his surprise, the secret was out. A large crowd of fans surrounded team buses when they arrived at the seminary, then ringed the field to shout taunts.

Thoroughly outplayed in the first half and trailing 13–0 as the final period began, Notre Dame, using its famous shift into a box, scored three times. Thirty-two seconds remained when left end Wayne Millner leaped to catch Bill Shakespeare's 19-yard pass in the end zone for the winning points.

'PUT ME IN, COACH'

"The roar that swept back and forth across the field sounded like the storm thunder that comes in unbroken waves," wrote Grantland Rice, immortal sportswriter of the first half-century.

Twenty-year-old Andy Pilney of the Fighting Irish gave what Rice reported was "one of the finest exhibitions of all-around football that a great crowd ever saw on any field at any time."

Near the end of the third quarter, Pilney, on the bench, told the teammate next to him, "If they put me in now, I'll win the game for them." A Notre Dame assistant coach overheard Pilney. He told Layden what Pilney had said. "Knowing Andy, I knew that meant something, and we sent him in," Layden wrote in a *Saturday Evening Post* story a few years afterward.

Pilney set up the first touchdown for the Irish with a 27-yard punt return. He engineered the second touchdown, climaxed by a 15-yard pass to Mike Layden, brother of the coach, that ended an 80-yard drive. Finally, with the seconds fast disappearing and Notre Dame's spirit unbroken despite two extra-point misses, the first on a kick that hit the crossbar, Pilney, unable to locate an open receiver, ran 32 yards from Notre Dame's 49 to Ohio State's 19. He suffered a career-ending knee injury when tackled and was replaced by Shakespeare.

Pilney didn't see the winning touchdown. He was being carried to the dressing room on a stretcher. Dick Fenlon of *The Columbus Dispatch*, in a story that appeared in *Athlon*'s 1985 preseason magazines, wrote that Pilney told him, "One of the litter bearers got so excited he started jumping up and down with me still on the stretcher hurting. I heard the crowd, and the trainer said, 'Andy, it's over. We won.' "

In 1965 the Ohio State team of 1935 held its 30th reunion and decided to select an all-opponents eleven. All-America center Gomer Jones of Ohio State wrote after

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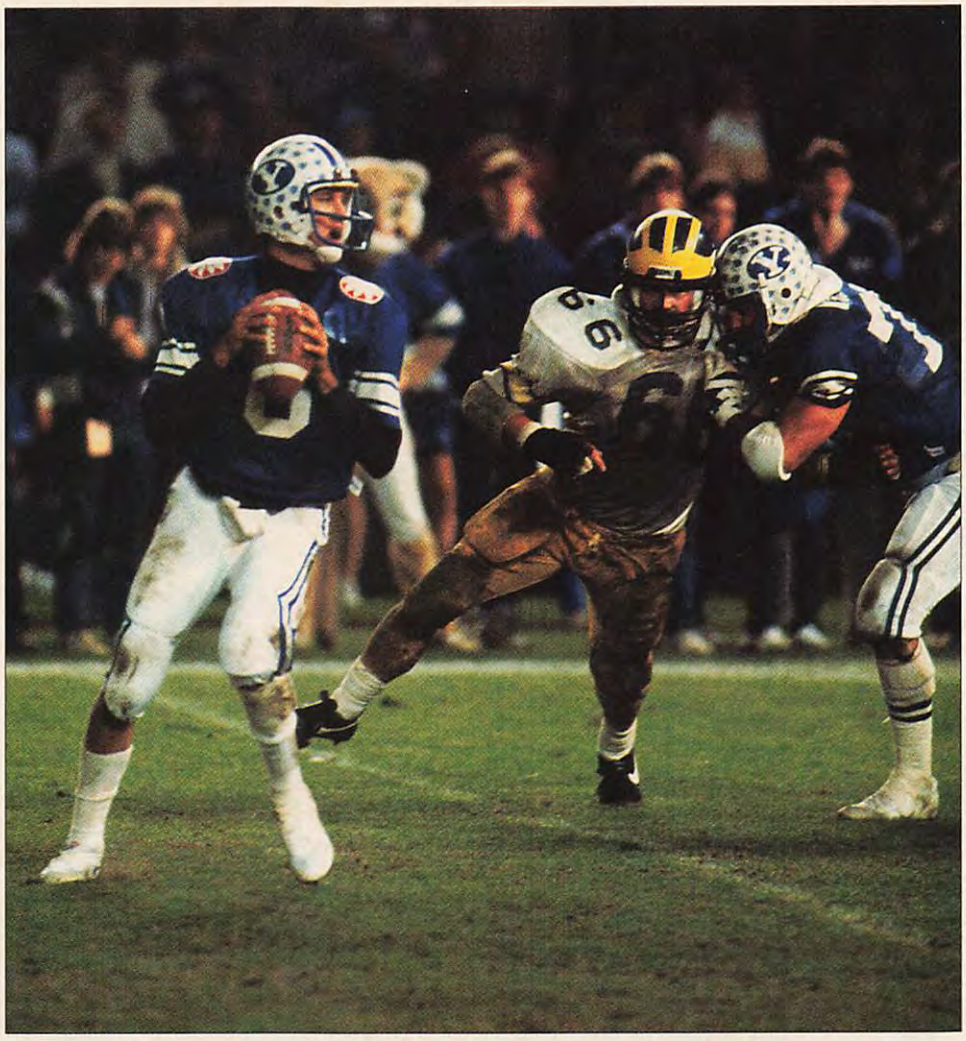
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Despite injuries that crippled him in the 1984 Holiday Bowl game, BYU quarterback Robbie Bosco wouldn't be counted out as the Cougars won the national championship under his leadership with their victory over Michigan.

each position the same name: "Andy Pilney."

It was a game of dramatic, emotional overtones, rarely if ever equaled.

When it ended, Francis Schmidt, the Ohio State coach, rushed to congratulate Layden with unusual warmth, something the Four Horsemen's fullback said he would never forget. The loss, however, was a heartache from which Schmidt never seemed to recover. After three straight defeats by Michigan, he wound up as coach at the University of Idaho and died after two years there.

TOUGH LUCK DOUBLED

It was a tragic experience, too, for halfback Dick Beltz, an Ohio State senior. Beltz fumbled, giving Notre Dame the ball for its game-winning march. He had a chance to redeem himself after Pilney's run to the 19, when Shakespeare was rushed and threw badly, right into the arms of Beltz. But the unfortunate Buckeye, with 90 yards of open field ahead of him, apparently was thinking about running and scoring rather than concentrating on the catch. He dropped the ball.

What happened next is this writer's favorite story of the game. After Beltz's near interception, Layden wanted to put in an ends-crossing play. He was momentarily at a loss as to how to do it because already he had used three quarterbacks in the final quarter. In those days, a player who left the game couldn't be sent in again in the same period. Backfield coach Chet Grant, a former player under Rockne, supplied the answer. Grant ran to Layden's side bringing Jim McKenna, a quarterback far down on the depth chart who hadn't been a member of the traveling squad but had paid his own way on the train, brought his uniform and was given a ticket so he could see the game from the bench.

McKenna was rushed into the game with the so-called reverse pass Layden desired. The ends crossed downfield. Millner was Shakespeare's target. And the game was won.

Afterward, Beltz, instead of going to the dressing room, was so crestfallen that he climbed to the top of the stadium and sat by himself until darkness. Happily, though, he didn't let his two fumbles in the last minute ruin his life.

The 1969 panel's Top 10 also included: 2. Michigan State 10, Notre Dame 10, 1966; 3. Columbia 7, Stanford 0, 1934 Rose Bowl; 4. Southern California 16, Notre Dame 14, 1931; 5. Harvard 29, Yale 29, 1968; 6. Illinois 39, Michigan 14, 1924; 7. SMU 20, Texas Christian 14, 1935; 8. Alabama (Johnny Mack Brown, later a movie actor, scored twice) 20, Washington 19, 1926 Rose Bowl;



Howard Reiter of Princeton, carrying the ball, scored Princeton's touchdown against Yale in 1899, but not on this run; Princeton won 11–10 on a 35-yard dropkick by Arthur Poe with the final seconds ticking away.

9–10 (tie). Army (Glenn Davis and Doc Blanchard) 21, Navy 18, 1946, and Boston College 19, Georgetown 18, 1940.

Some purists may adhere to the tenet that a game, to be considered great, should have impact, that is, have a telling effect on football's evolution. Or decide a national championship or match teams with a goodly number of future Hall of Famers, in short, have some special significance. Obviously, those criteria are desirable to a point and should weigh heavily. But perhaps not to the exclusion of the sharp excitement and lasting memory of contests with thrilling plays and brilliant runs, dramatic finishes and displays of courage beyond what it takes just to compete.

The game the author brings to mind most often among those played in the 1980s may not make Top 10 lists: the finish to end all fantastic finishes, California's five-lateral kickoff return, with Kevin Moen, who had fielded the Stanford kickoff with four seconds to play, taking the last flip and running 25 yards for a touchdown through the Stanford band in 1982. An all-but-certain 20–19 Stanford victory went instead to California 25–20.

"The Play" was the subject of a story by the writer in *Athlon*'s 1983 magazines. Excerpts:

"Stanford's band, believing the game over, had paraded onto the field. . . . 'None of the officials thought anybody was down at any time,' said veteran referee Charles Moffett. 'We could have called a penalty on the Stanford band. But we called one on the Stanford bench (which, like the band, thought the game had ended when three tacklers stopped Garner).' . . .

"Many maintain that Moen was out of reach of pursuers when he ran through the band and unintentionally flattened a trombonist in the end zone. Yet some musicians appeared to be shielding Moen from trouble and slowing down Stanford players angling toward him. One chased him to the goal line, not far behind. . . .

"Moffett conferred with other officials for 43 seconds after Moen crossed the goal line before giving the raised-arms touchdown signal, touching off a roar heard halfway to the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge."

MISSED THE POINTS

Thousands of fans at the game on Nov. 20, 1982, in Berkeley had departed after Stanford's go-ahead field goal, assured that Stanford had won. They were walking swiftly to parking lots when they heard the din from the stadium. Instantly, these unfortunates realized they had missed something unusual—only the most bizarre finish in football history.

It was reminiscent of the Rose Bowl game of 1939, when Southern California defeated Duke 7–3 on a touchdown with 40 seconds left.

Braven Dyer, a sportswriter for the *Los Angeles Times*, had left the press box with four minutes to play and Duke leading 3–0. "Somebody had to get out the paper," he said. "I was just pulling out when over the radio I heard: '(Doyle) Nave is back. . . . He's going to pass. . . . He's throwing the ball. . . . It's in the end zone and it's complete to (Al) Krueger for a

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Nebraska, 1971 national champion, was No. 1 and Oklahoma No. 2 when their showdown was staged at Norman; here is Johnny Rodgers of the Cornhuskers on his 72-yard punt return for a touchdown, a breathtaking display of fancy footwork by the Heisman Trophy winner in 1972.

touchdown!' . . . And still there are people who say a sportswriter leads an ideal existence."

Duke had not allowed a point all season until then. And Nave, who had been used sparingly during the season, happened to be a personal favorite of Dyer. All that made Dyer the more disappointed to have missed one of the most dramatic moments in the history of the Rose Bowl series.

This may seem surprising, but the game that will be remembered longest from the 1970s by the writer was Southern California's 55–24 trouncing of Notre Dame, which led 24–0 at one point and 24–6 at halftime. Against what was ranked the nation's strongest defense before that game on Nov. 30, 1974, in the Los Angeles Coliseum, the Trojans ran up 55 points in a span of 17½ minutes. It was incredible, fantastic, almost beyond comprehension.

That was the day Anthony Davis scored four touchdowns against the Irish. He had made six touchdowns against them in 1972 and one in 1973—plus a two-point conversion for a total of 68 points.

In a story he wrote before a recent Southern California-Notre Dame game, Mal Florence of the *Los Angeles Times* described what happened in the Trojans' dressing room between halves of the 1974 game.

"Gentlemen, we're not playing too well," Trojans Coach John McKay, carefully keeping his emotions in check, said. He reminded his players that his 1964 team had fought back from a 17–0 deficit to win 20–17. He insisted they could do it, too.

Remembering that Davis had returned two Notre Dame kickoffs for touchdowns on runs of 97 and 96 yards in 1972, the Irish hadn't kicked to Davis in the first half in 1974. But McKay predicted that the third-

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quarter kickoff would go to Davis and added that he would come back a long way with it.

Davis, interviewed by Florence, said: "I looked at (linebacker) Richard Wood and he looked at me and we said, 'This man has lost his mind.' Then, I'm walking out of the locker room and I'm about 50 yards ahead of the Notre Dame team and somebody yelled out, 'We're going to kick the ball to Davis, and we're going to kick his ----.' "

PUNT-BLOCK REPLAY

What did Davis do but return the second-half kickoff 100 yards. And a rout was on.

Southern California was the United Press International national champion in 1974, and Notre Dame was No. 4. Nobody who played for the Irish then or pulls for them now will appreciate being reminded of that afternoon.

The same is true of Alabama players and fans when someone brings up the Alabama-Auburn game of 1972.

Alabama, 10–0 and coveting the national championship, led cozily 16–3 with less than six minutes to play, the ball at midfield and Greg Gantt of the Crimson Tide preparing to punt deep into Auburn territory.

Auburn linebacker Bill Newton bolted through and blocked the attempt. The ball bounced up perfectly to safety David Langner, who ran for a touchdown.

"I was the third man from the outside on our right," Newton told the writer. "I lined up opposite their tackle. Their guard blocked straight ahead, and the tackle blocked out on our end, next to me. Matter of fact, two of their guys were blocking on him. I just cut inside the tackle and outside the guard with nobody bothering me. I blocked the ball with my body. It rolled back toward the goal line and came up to David Langner, our safety, who took it in on a 25-yard run."

With under two minutes left, Alabama was forced to punt on fourth and nine from its 43.

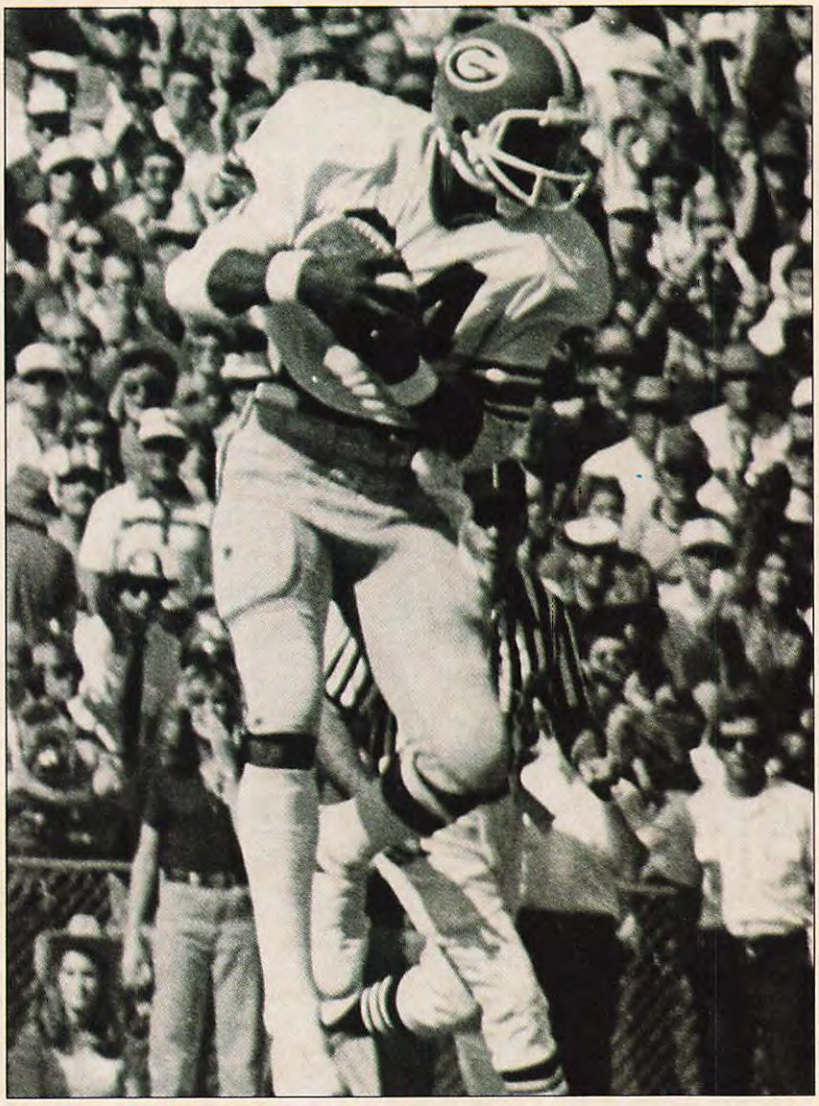
"It was surprising but they hadn't changed a thing," Newton, who came to Auburn without a scholarship, said. "They blocked just as they had before. Usually after a blocked punt, a team will go back and talk it over and straighten things out. I couldn't believe it. When they didn't touch me, I knew I had another one. I batted the second one with my hands."

Again, the ball bounced perfectly to Langner, who carried it 20 yards for the touchdown with 1:24 remaining. Virtually a replay. Final score: Auburn 17, Alabama 16.

To mention more memorable games in recent years:

Boston College 47, Miami 45 on Nov. 23, 1984. Heisman Trophy winner Doug Flutie of BC threw a pass 65 yards in the air on the last play, and Gerard Phelan caught it with an end-zone leap.

BYU 46, SMU 45 on Dec. 19, 1980, in the Holiday Bowl game. Jim McMahon led a 27-point fourth-quarter BYU rally. On the game's final play, he threw a 46-yard scoring pass to Clay Brown. SMU had been ahead comfortably 45–25 with four minutes to go.



The Play of 93 yards, Buck Belue (below, short pass) to Lindsay Scott (left, long run), gave Georgia a last-minute victory over Florida, keeping a soon-to-be-realized goal of a national title alive in 1980.



Alabama 14, Penn State 7 on Jan. 1, 1979, in the Sugar Bowl. With the national title on the line, 'Bama linebacker Barry Krauss, on the last play of his college career, stopped Mike Guman in a helmet-to-helmet goal-line collision that stunned both players.

Penn State 14, Miami 10 on Jan. 2, 1987, in the Fiesta Bowl. Linebacker Pete Giftopoulos saved the day and the national championship by intercepting Heisman Trophy winner Vinny Testaverde on the Nittany Lions' 1-yard line with 18 seconds left.

Miami 31, Nebraska 30 on Jan. 2, 1984, in the Orange Bowl. After scoring with 48 seconds to play, the Cornhuskers tried to nail down a perfect season as well as the national title with a two-point conversion. Turner Gill's pass meant for Jeff Smith was batted down by Ken Calhoun, Hurricanes strong safety, just over the goal line. A placekick for a tie would have given Nebraska the championship. Instead, it went to Miami, which had lost to Florida 28–3 in its season opener.

Among those 200, 300, whatever, from the many thousands of games played since it all began in 1869, these are this journalist's Top 10, an arguable list and an arguable order:

1.	**Notre Dame 18, Ohio State 13**	**Nov. 2, 1935**
2.	**Stanford 21, Nebraska 13**	**Jan. 1, 1941**
3.	**BYU 24, Michigan 17**	**Dec. 21, 1984**
4.	**Princeton 11, Yale 10**	**Nov. 25, 1899**
5.	**Nebraska 35, Oklahoma 31**	**Nov. 25, 1971**
6.	**Southern California 21, UCLA 20**	**Nov. 18, 1967**
7.	**Georgia 26, Florida 21**	**Nov. 8, 1980**
8.	**Illinois 39, Michigan 14**	**Oct. 18, 1924**
9.	**SMU 20, TCU 14**	**Nov. 30, 1935**
10.	**Notre Dame 35, Army 13**	**Nov. 1, 1913**

A college football player, his career not long over, was asked by the writer a number of years ago just what meant most to him to have competed in a rough sport with collisions often of stunning force.

"People respect you," he replied tersely.

Robbie Bosco earned a plethora of respect on the night he returned to the field, injured and limping, and in



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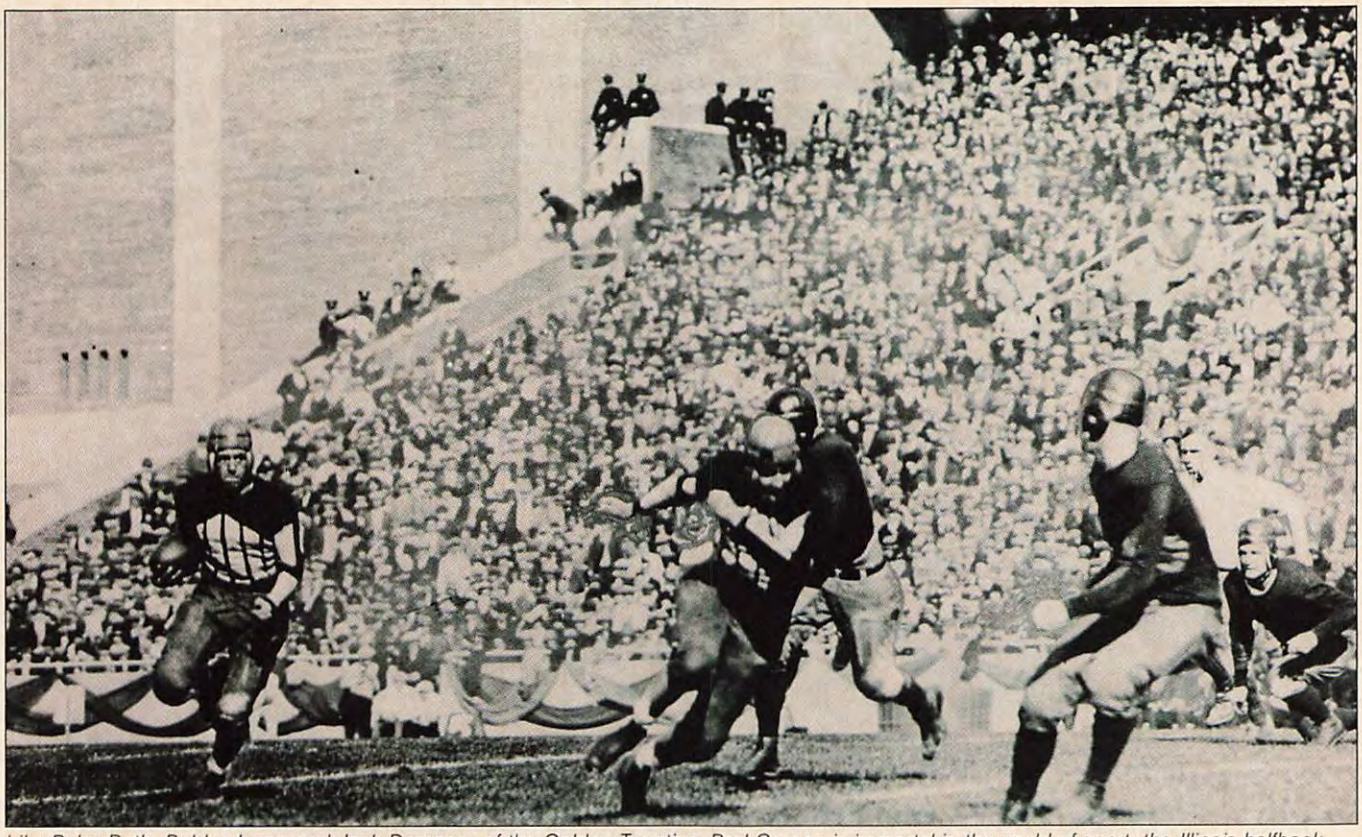
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Like Babe Ruth, Bobby Jones and Jack Dempsey of the Golden Twenties, Red Grange is immortal in the world of sport; the Illinois halfback electrified a nation of football fans on Oct. 18, 1924, when he ran wild against Michigan; here he is on one of his four long touchdown runs.

pain, to rally BYU to a 24–17 victory over Michigan and the national title in the 1984 Holiday Bowl game.

In the first quarter, the BYU quarterback was carried off the field and into the dressing room, his left knee and ankle injured, after a late hit by Michigan tackle Mike Hammerstein.

"I thought he was done for," said BYU receiver Glen Kozlowski, "and then we saw him come back on the field. You could just feel the team pumping up at the sight."

AT PAINS TO PLAY

That was in the second period. Despite torn knee ligaments and a sprained ankle, Bosco drove the Cougars 80 yards for the game's first touchdown on their way to a 10–7 halftime lead.

"I wasn't sure I could return," Bosco said. "But the doctors said the knee injury wasn't that bad, and I was able to walk a little. In a big game like this, I knew I had to go back and show the guys I was ready to play. I was in a great deal of pain, but when I was playing, I couldn't feel it as much."

Early in the final quarter, Michigan led 17–10, but Bosco directed BYU on marches of 80 and 83 yards, both ending with touchdown passes. Bosco's pass to Kelly Smith with 1:23 to play sealed the championship for a 13–0 team.

Just as it would be shameful to ignore the great teams and great players of football's early years, although some observers do, unthinkingly, so it would be a dreadful mistake to overlook momentous games of the distant past. Some were played over a century ago, and they sent large crowds of spectators home with lifelong memories of stirring games on Indian summer Saturday afternoons.

That was some game between Princeton and Yale back in 1883, the first year for point values in scoring. Yale won 6–0. The touchdown, worth two points that year, was made by Frank Peters, who returned Alex Moffat's punt through the entire Princeton eleven. The goal after touchdown that counted four points was kicked by Gene Richards.

Henry Ward Beecher, the famous minister, whose grandson, Harry Ward Beecher, was captain and quarterback of Yale's perfect-record 1887 team, told his flock the next day, "I always did hate Princeton, but I took notice there was not a coward on either side, although I thank God that Yale beat."

In the 1899 Princeton-Yale game at New Haven, Conn., the outcome was different: Princeton beat. The Tigers prevailed 11–10 when Arthur Poe, one of six brothers who lettered at Princeton (grandnephews of Edgar Allan Poe, the famous poet and short-story writer), drop-kicked

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a 35-yard field goal (five points) with 36 seconds to play for the come-from-behind win.

This was the same Poe who, the year before at Princeton, had stolen the ball from Dusty Durston and run 95 yards for the only touchdown, and a 6–0 victory. Some encore.

In his engrossing book (at least to a historian), *Football Days*, William H. Edwards, Princeton's 1899 captain, devotes a chapter to the Yale game of that year.

As the final seconds ticked away, with Yale leading 10–6 and Princeton in possession of the ball, Princeton had the man who would not be overwhelmed by the crisis: Poe, the 5–7, 147-pound, 20-year-old senior end named on Walter Camp's All-America team in 1899. He had never attempted a field goal before in a game, but he insisted, "I can kick this one."

Knowing Poe for a cool, clutch player, Edwards responded, "I believe you."

Many fans had left Yale Field and bought newspapers with this headline: "Yale Wins, 10–6." But there was time for one play and the winning kick—and chagrin in the offices of *The Yale News*.

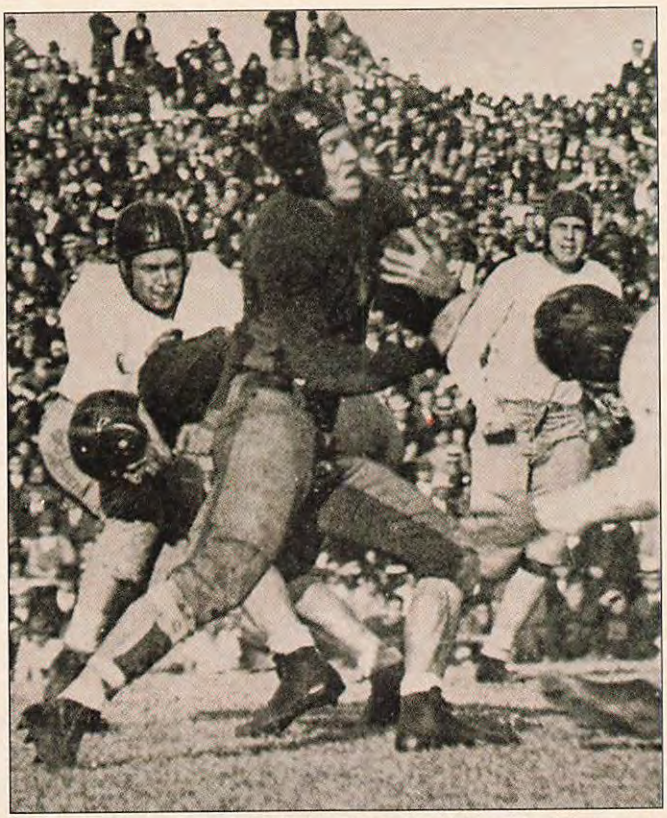
What college football team defeated opponents that finished No. 2, 3 and 4 (Oklahoma, Colorado and Alabama) on the way to the national championship? Only Nebraska. It happened in 1971, the year the Cornhuskers (13–0) were recognized as one of the greatest teams ever, the year they defeated Oklahoma 35–31 at Norman.

Bob Devaney, Nebraska's coach whose 1970 team also had been No. 1 in the nation, had meals flown to Norman from Lincoln, fearing that gamblers might attempt to persuade a chef to give the players food poisoning.

The lead changed four times. Nebraska's defensive line was superb, but Oklahoma quarterback Jack Mildren's passing and option running almost did in a clearly better team. A tactical mistake that required cornerback Bill Kosch to cover split end Jon Harrison man-to-man all but negated Nebraska's superiority.

Wingback Johnny Rodgers, 1972 Heisman Trophy winner, miraculously escaped Sooner clutches on a 72-yard punt return for a touchdown. Jeff Kinney scored four touchdowns for Nebraska, the fourth on a titanic effort from the 2 that capped a 74-yard, 12-play drive with 1:38 left.

Grace, world-class speed (9.3 in the 100-yard dash), strength, elusiveness ("you can't practice moves; you either have them or you don't"): O.J. Simpson personified these desiderata in a running back. Simpson belongs in the company of Willie Heston, Jim Thorpe, Red Grange, Tom Harmon, Tony Dorsett, Herschel Walker, Barry Sanders—among the greatest who ever carried a football.



The SMU-TCU game in 1935 for the Rose Bowl bid gripped fans everywhere; Mustang All-American Bobby Wilson didn't break away on this run, but he caught a goal-line pass for the winning touchdown.

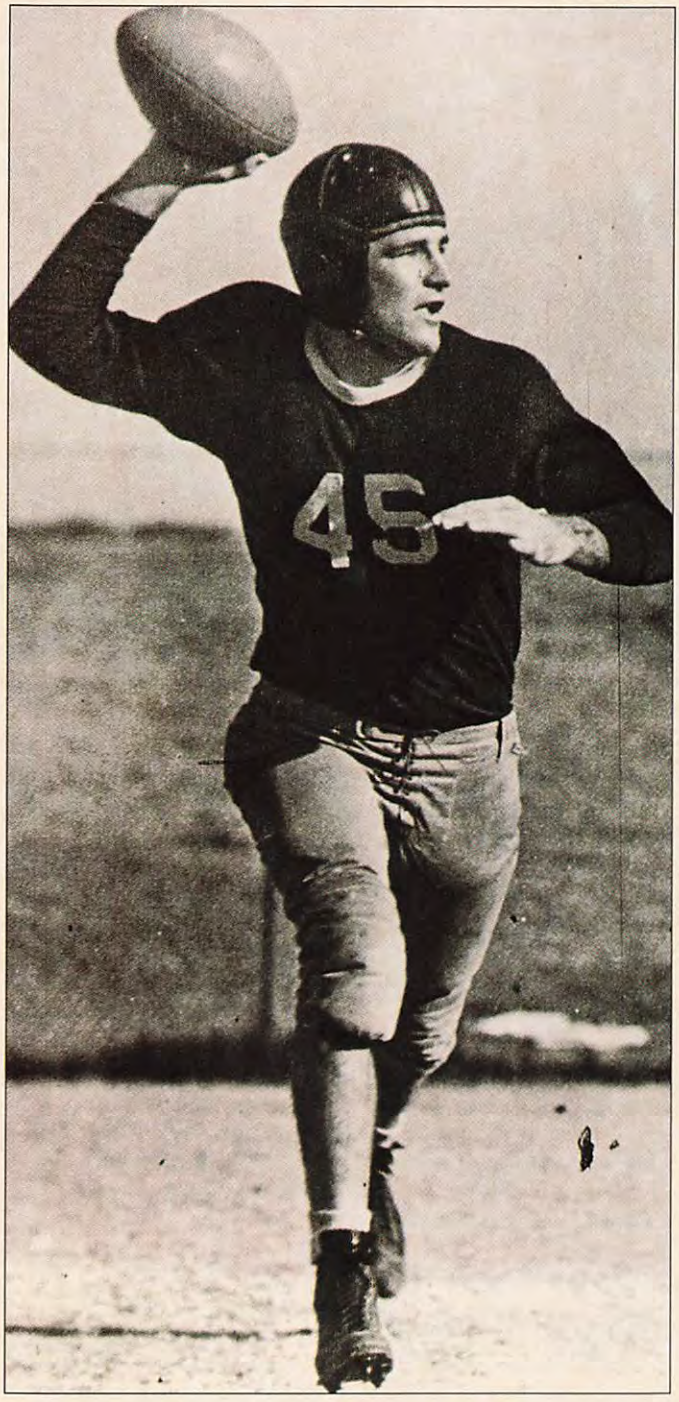
The Rose Bowl was the prize when Southern California, with Simpson, a former junior college phenom, at tailback, and UCLA clashed in 1967. He ran for two touchdowns. One was for 13 yards, dramatizing his power as he broke half a dozen tackles. "I was hit several times," Simpson said. "I was surprised to score."

Simpson's 64-yard run with 10:38 remaining in the last quarter won the game 21–20 and put Coach John McKay's Trojans in the Rose Bowl, where they defeated Indiana 14–3. That run ranks with a few others as the most famous ever: Roy Riegels of California taking the wrong direction in the 1929 Rose Bowl game, Johnny Butler's serpentine run for Tennessee against Alabama in 1939, Wyllys Terry covering 110 yards on a run from scrimmage for Yale in 1884 (the length of the field then), Moen's dash through Stanford's band and any number of Grange's gallops.

The game had been exciting enough. Simpson's run left the crowd of 90,772 at the Coliseum dazzled, all but disbelieving. When Florence interviewed O.J. a few years ago, the 1968 Heisman recipient said:

"On third and eight . . . my fullback, Danny Scott, blew through the hole, and I was right behind him. My only thought was that I needed eight yards to get a first down. Scott popped (UCLA linebacker Don) Manning at what would have been the first-down marker. I hopped over Manning and then I jumped outside. . . .

"I was on the sideline, and I felt that if I could get back to the middle of the field, I might be able to outrun (everybody) to the end zone. So I just cut to the middle, got by a couple of guys, and our Earl McCul-



Sammy Baugh of TCU, later longtime Washington Redskin quarterback, was becoming recognized as the greatest passer football had known when the Horned Frogs and SMU clashed in '35; against the Mustangs, he completed only 17 of 45 passes, but nine were dropped.

louch was making a screening block on (safety Sandy) Green. At that point it was just a race to the end zone, and when I got there, I was exhausted. I dropped the ball, but I couldn't stop as my legs carried me another 10 or 15 yards."

That unforgettable run gave Southern California the national championship.

In 1980 Herschel Walker brought glory to old Georgia in a show of running (1,616 yards) never accomplished by a freshman before or since. He played two more All-America seasons but didn't seem to display the reckless style of his freshman year, when Georgia was the No. 1 team in the nation.

Georgia had other outstanding players that season. Quarterback Buck Belue and receiver Lindsay Scott were two. "Lindsay was an explosive player who could break open a game with one play," said Belue. "He sure did that in the Florida game."

Walker had accumulated 238 yards, including a 72-yard run, but Georgia was losing 21–20 with 1:04 left. The Bulldogs had the ball, but it was on their 7, third and 11.

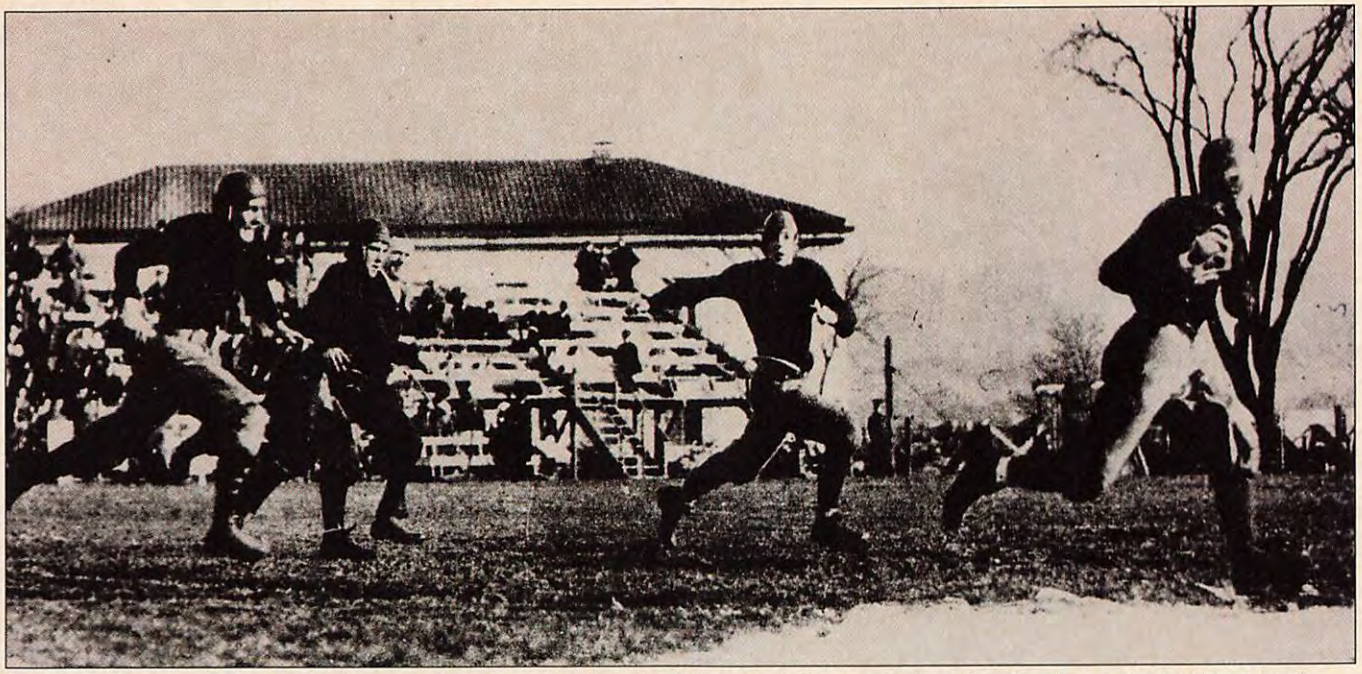
CATCHY PLAY

Scott ran a curl pattern, and Belue threw a simple pass designed to get a first down. "I expected to be hit the instant I made the catch," Scott said. But when he looked upfield, it was all clear, and he began his long sprint—a 93-yard play. Georgia Coach Vince Dooley raced excitedly along the sideline accompanying Scott as far as he could. The 26–21 win put Georgia in the Sugar Bowl, where a 17–10 victory over Notre Dame clinched the national title.

Red Grange became a household name on Oct. 18, 1924. The Illinois halfback, 5–11, 175, gave the most amazing individual performance of all-time against a strong Michigan team. He scored five touchdowns and passed for a sixth in a 39–14 triumph. In the first 12 minutes, he ran 95, 67, 56 and 44 yards for touchdowns and gained 303 yards.

The Galloping Ghost also could block and tackle, kick and pass. As a runner, he had superb balance; his quick thinking enabled him to use his blockers effectively; he had a fast start, a baffling change of pace and great speed; and he was tough.

Grange, who died at age 87 on Jan. 28, 1991, once said: "I liked basketball and track best when I was at Wheaton (Ill.) High (although he scored 75 touchdowns), and I definitely was not interested in football when I went to Illinois. I stopped by the practice field one day and saw something like 200 freshmen drilling. I went back to my fraternity house convinced that football was not for me. But my frat buddies wouldn't hear of it and threatened me with a paddling if I didn't go out for the team."



End Knute Rockne ran for a Notre Dame touchdown against Army in 1913 after catching a pass from Gus Dorais; passing had been legalized seven years before but hadn't been considered essential to a successful attack until Notre Dame upset Army at West Point.

Question: Why was it that such stars as Bobby Wilson of SMU, Sammy Baugh of TCU and Bobby Grayson of Stanford received no votes in 1935 for the Heisman Trophy won by Jay Berwanger of Chicago?

Answer: Only players east of the Mississippi River were eligible in the first year when it was known as the (New York) Downtown Athletic Club Trophy.

Otherwise, the 5-10, 147-pound Wilson, a superlative breakaway runner, would have had at least a 50-50 chance for the honor. Great as Baugh was, it was unanimous All-American Wilson who carried the day when their 10-0 teams met at Fort Worth on Nov. 30, 1935, in perhaps the most ballyhooed game ever played in the Southwest.

JUMPED AT CHANCE

Wilson's leaping catch on the goal line of a pass thrown by Bob Finley from midfield won the game 20-14 and sent the Mustangs to the Rose Bowl.

SMU Coach Matty Bell almost had a heart attack when he saw what was happening. The Mustangs faced a punt situation: fourth and four on the TCU 37 with 10 minutes to go. The score was tied 14-14. In the huddle, J.R. "Jackrabbit" Smith, the signal-caller, said, "Ends down and out, fake punt, pass to Wilson." Finley was in deep punt formation.

"I headed for the goal line from right wingback since the pass was to come to me," Wilson related, "and I told Finley to be sure he threw the ball far enough. (Under 1935 rules, a fourth-down pass, incomplete in the end zone, was as good as a punt and resulted in a touchback.) I looked to my left when I was near the goal line but it came down on my right. I jumped and came down over the goal line. It really wasn't that hard a catch, though."

"You know, Coach," Smith said to Bell long afterward, "if we had turned over the ball to TCU on fourth down and they had won, I'd have been run out of town."

"And I'd have been run out at the same time," Bell assured him.

Grantland Rice wrote, "This was one of the greatest games ever played in the history of the nation's finest college sport."

Nobody wrote anything like that after the Notre Dame-Army game on Nov. 1, 1913, at West Point. And Rice didn't cover it. Nevertheless, the game was fraught with meaning. It marked a turning point in football history.

Passing had been legalized in 1906. President Theodore Roosevelt, concerned about the brutality of football, had demanded reforms to make the game safer. Passing was expected to demonstrate that an air attack would prove to be a quicker, less dangerous method of advancing the ball than mass formations. It didn't happen, at least not immediately. There were many restrictions. Moreover, most coaches felt that passing was a "hope play," to be used only in desperate situations.

In Notre Dame's 35-13 victory over Army in 1913, Gus Dorais threw the then unheard-of total of 17 passes. He completed 14 for 243 yards and two touchdowns, one to Rockne. At last coaches realized that the newfangled pass was a major offensive weapon. Old-fashioned mass formations were out. The game had a new dimension.

Norwegian-born Rockne, whose father brought him to Chicago in 1893 at the age of 5, had played end

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In the summer of 1913, Rockne (second from right), Notre Dame's immortal coach from 1918-30 (105–12–5—.881), and Dorais worked on the passing game, sometimes throwing on a Lake Erie beach, and were the finest combination of their time when the Fighting Irish stunned Army.

on two straight undefeated Notre Dame teams, and in 1913, at the age of 25, had been elected captain. Rockne and Dorais realized that the pass offered untold possibilities not previously exploited. Dorais was one of the first to throw spirals. Rockne was among the first, maybe the first, to catch a pass over his shoulder on the run. Heretofore, most passes were short lobs caught against the chest or stomach.

During the summer that year, Rockne and Dorais got jobs at Cedar Point on Lake Erie. They practiced routes and timing all that summer. They caught Army—and Eastern football—by surprise. It was an epochal event in football.

TYING THEM UP

This treatment of a controversial subject could never be so complete as to be acceptable without question. Criteria differ. Spectators are individually affected by the games they have seen or read about.

Only three ties have been mentioned, those between Army and Navy before 110,000 at Soldier Field in Chicago in 1926, Michigan State and Notre Dame in 1966 and Yale and Harvard in 1968.

There were other notable deadlocks. Pat Harmon, historian-curator of the College Football Hall of Fame at Kings Island, Ohio, told of them in "Ties That Bound Them" in *Athlon*'s college magazines in 1989. Those ties should rank with the memorable games in college football.

Here is Harmon's list: California 0, Washington and Jefferson 0, 1922 Rose Bowl; Chicago 21, Illinois 21, 1924; Army 21, Navy 21, 1926; TCU 7, SMU 7, 1929; Yale 33, Dartmouth 33, 1931; Pittsburgh 0, Fordham 0, 1935-36-37; Notre Dame 0, Army 0, 1946; Tennessee 17, Georgia 17, 1968; Harvard 29, Yale 29, 1968; Utah State 48, San Jose State 48, 1979.

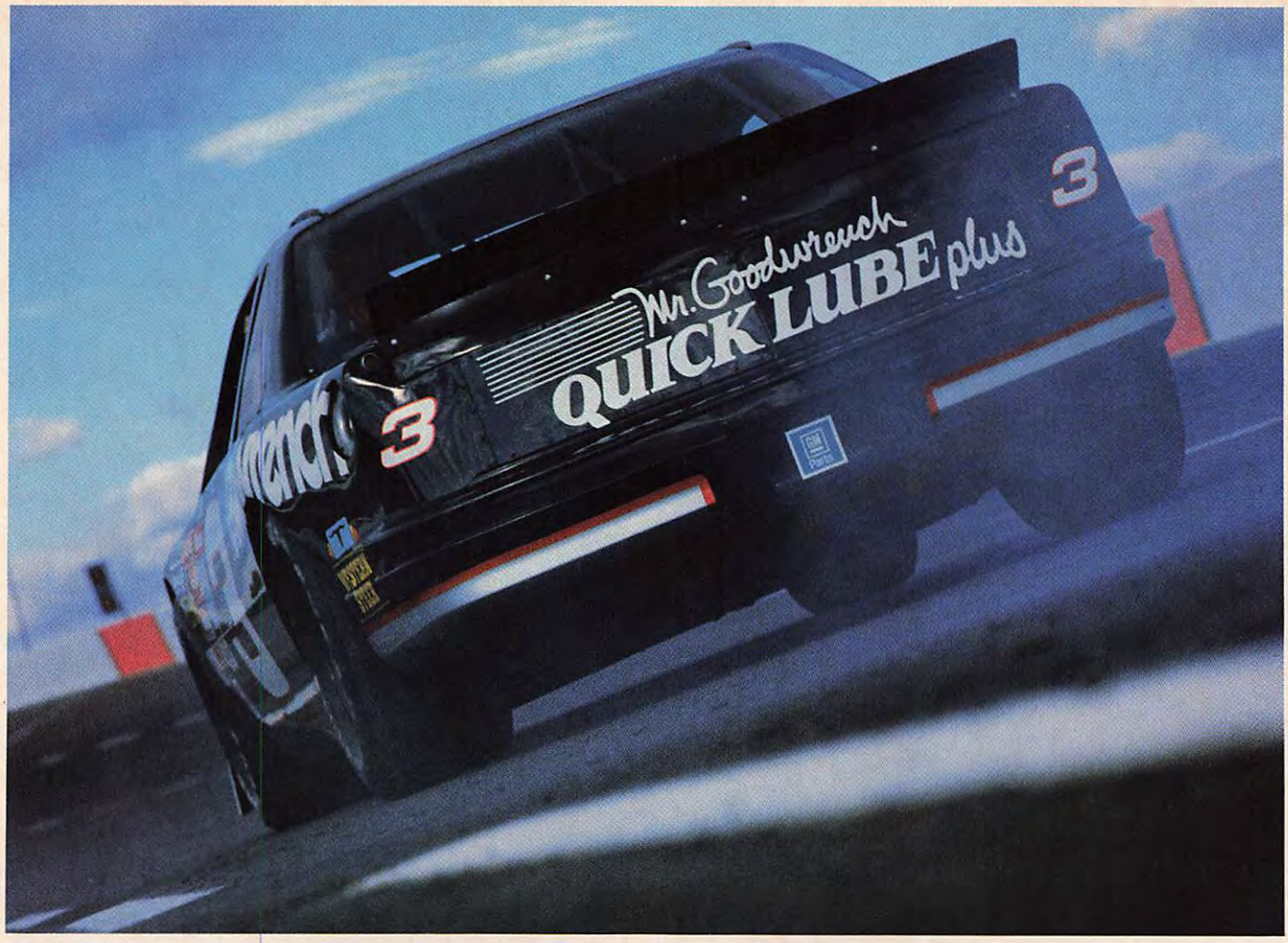
After World War II, Coach Frank Leahy recruited the Notre Dame players who won three national championships in the late 1940s. After World War I, Coach Andy Smith of California recruited teams that were equally successful. Between 1920-24 they won 44 games, tied four and lost none.

One of the ties, against Washington and Jefferson of Washington, Pa., never ceased to gall Smith.

When the surprising announcment was made that the team from the small all-male college, founded in 1781, had been selected to play in the Tournament of Roses game against California, a Pacific Coast sports editor, tongue in cheek, wrote, "The only thing I know about Washington and Jefferson is that both are dead." He was soon to learn that it played outstanding football and had an excellent coach.

Actually, the Presidents outplayed the Golden Bears, and in the early moments, halfback Wayne Brenkert broke loose for 36 yards and an apparent touchdown. An offside penalty nullified it. Only 27 men played in the game. Coach Earle "Greasy" Neale used no substitutes. In only one other bowl game did a starting eleven go all the way, the 1902 Tournament of Roses contest. Coach Fielding H. Yost ignored his bench as Michigan smothered Stanford 49–0.

Neale was a remarkable man. He was only 28 at the time he took his team to Pasadena. As Cincinnati's right fielder in the 1919 World Series against the Chicago White Sox, he led the Reds in batting with a .357 average. He played in 768 major league games. Neale caught the fly ball on the last pitch ever thrown by



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No less an authority on football than Walter C. Camp, who was called "the father of American football," saw the 21–21 tie between Chicago and Illinois in 1924 and called it "one of the most wonderful games I have ever seen on any field anywhere." In short, since 1876 when he started playing at Yale. Amos Alonzo Stagg, the Chicago coach, won 314 games, a record that Paul "Bear" Bryant broke with 323 (Eddie Robinson, still coaching, has won 366). "It (was) one of the greatest football dramas ever played on any field," Stagg wrote in his book *Touchdown!* Grange didn't lead his team to victory, but he didn't do badly: 300 all-purpose yards and three touchdowns, including an 80-yard run.

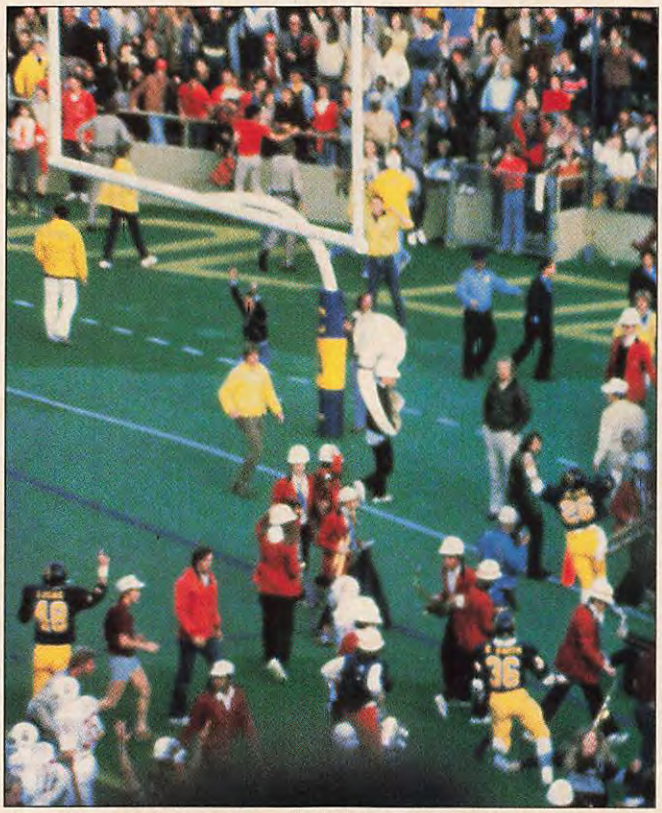
The New York Times called the 21–21 tie between Army and Navy 65 years ago "the greatest of all football games." Thirteen Cadet players became generals. Thirteen Midshipmen were future admirals and three became Marine generals.

The crowd that saw Yale and Dartmouth in their 33–33 tie 60 years ago never forgot these spectacular dashes: 96-yard kickoff return and 53-yard run for touchdowns by Albie Booth of Yale, Bill McCall's 92-yard kickoff return and 60-yard interception return for Dartmouth touchdowns, plus a 76-yard touchdown pass play, Bill Morton to McCall.

Ties are much less common now than they were before the two-point conversion was put in 33 years ago. But three straight 0–0 defensive classics between two powerful teams, Pittsburgh and Fordham! The late Tim Cohane, one of the most gifted sportswriters of the century, described the struggles in *Athlon*'s 1986 magazines. Cohane was Fordham's sports information director when the games were played in 1935-36-37.

Those were the years of Pittsburgh's Dream Backfield: Marshall Goldberg, Dick Cassiano, John Chickerneo and Harold Stebbins. And Fordham's Seven Blocks of Granite. One was Vince Lombardi, the coach of the Green Bay Packers when they won five pro titles in the 1960s. Cohane called it "the strongest running attack of the time crashing against the strongest defense."

Notre Dame has played significant ties. One million ticket orders were returned for the game between the Irish and Army in 1946 at Yankee Stadium in New York. A crowd of 74,121 saw the Irish and Cadets tie 0–0. Both teams had numerous All-Americans and Hall of Famers, and there were four current or future Heisman Trophy winners: Blanchard (1945) and Davis (1946) of Army, Johnny Lujack (1947) and Leon Hart (1949) of Notre Dame. Lujack saved the day for the Irish when he brought down Blanchard, who had broken into the clear and would have scored on a 52-yard run otherwise.



Kevin Moen of California threaded his way through the Stanford band into the end zone and scored the 1982 game-ending, game-winning touchdown as the fifth lateral pass receiver after the Cardinal kickoff.

Tennessee had the ball on its 20-yard line, 2:41 to play and trailing Georgia 17–9 on Sept. 14, 1968. The Volunteers scored on the game's final play, a fourth-down 21-yard pass from Bubba Wyche to Gary Kreis. Wyche then passed to Ken DeLong for the two points that tied the Bulldogs 17–17.

Tennessee players and supporters could hardly have been more euphoric if it had been a win, nor Georgia's more disconsolate over a defeat. In fact, Tennessee Coach Doug Dickey unwittingly later referred to the game as a victory.

One imagines that spectators at the Utah State-San Jose State game in 1979 have remembrances that won't fade. It ended 48–48.

So-called Games of the Century, if not frequent, have not been all that rare. One of those not heretofore mentioned was the game between Texas and Arkansas in 1969. Both came in with 9–0 records. Texas won 15–14, then beat Notre Dame 21–17 in the Cotton Bowl for the national title.

The terrific fight SMU, with Doak Walker and Kyle Rote, gave Notre Dame's magnificent 1949 team in a 27–20 loss gained the admiration of fans nationwide.

As far as the writer knows, Bryant never disclosed his most-savored victory. Probably, it was his Kentucky team's 13–7 triumph over Oklahoma in the 1951 Sugar Bowl game. Bud Wilkinson's Sooners had won the national championship and 31 straight games.

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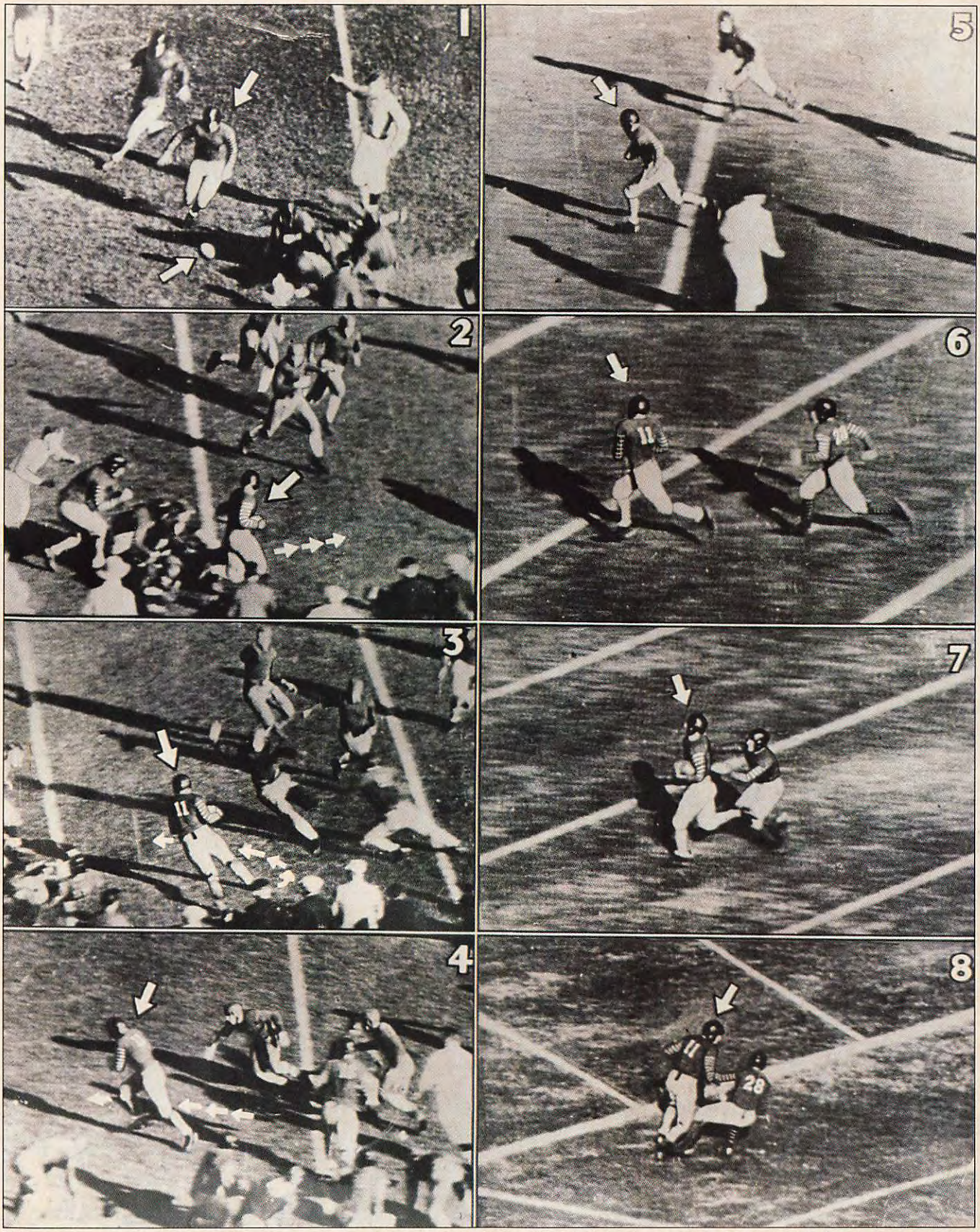
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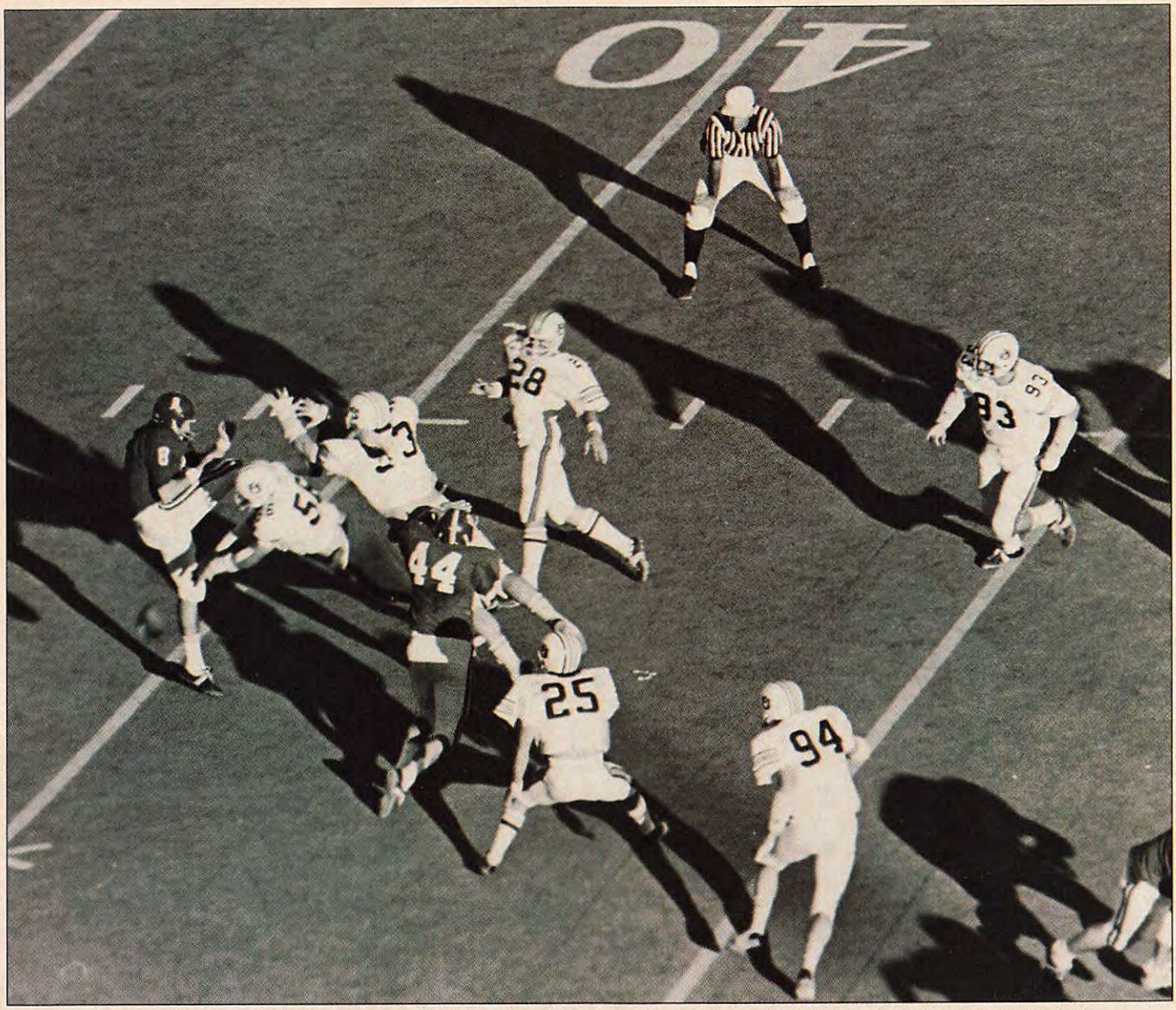
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This sequence shows Roy Riegels' route on his 64-yard wrong-way run in the 1929 Rose Bowl game from the time the California center grabbed a fumble by Georgia Tech's Stumpy Thomason until Benny Lom, Riegels' own teammate, caught up with him a yard short of the goal line.



Auburn's Bill Newton (56) blocked Greg Gantt's punt on Alabama's 41-yard line, and David Langner (28) picked up the ball and ran for a touchdown; a few minutes later, the same thing happened, resulting in a 17–16 victory for Auburn in 1972.

One of the greatest college games was played on a Wednesday afternoon in 1944 at West Point, N.Y. There were no spectators and no sportswriters present. Actually it was a 30-minute scrimmage by the Army team preparing for its Saturday game against Notre Dame.

Some time later, Army Coach Red Blaik made a remarkable statement. He said that in all of his experience that intrasquad skirmish produced "the best football I ever saw."

Some of the finest football imaginable is seen only by coaches and maybe a few sportswriters. Another such contest took place in late 1941 at St. Stanislaus boys boarding school in Bay St. Louis, Miss.

Fordham, which played Missouri in the Sugar Bowl game on Jan. 1, 1942, held its workouts in Bay St. Louis. About 100 miles away in Baton Rouge, La., the East All-Star college squad was practicing for the annual East-West game. That game had been moved from San Francisco to New Orleans because the Army decreed against large gatherings on the West Coast in the first year of World War II.

Jim Crowley, Fordham's coach (he had been one of Notre Dame's Four Horsemen), was worried that his players were becoming bored a few days before their bowl game. He suggested to his assistants that a scrimmage against the East All-Stars might be arranged and wondered what they thought of it. They were enthusiastic.

Ed Gilleran, a Fordham graduate who saw the game between Fordham and the East All-Stars, described to the writer what happened.

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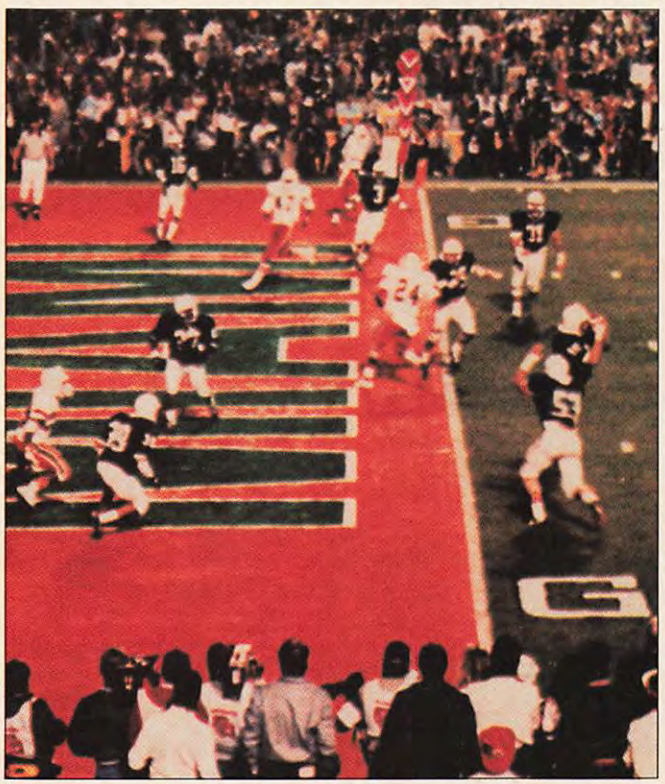
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Two famous names in Notre Dame football, Johnny Lujack and Terry Brennan, teamed up on this pass against Army 45 years ago; expected to be an offensive display, this Game of the Century produced no points at all.



With the national title on the line in the 1987 Fiesta Bowl game, Miami's Vinny Testaverde was intercepted by Penn State's Pete Giftopoulos on the victorious Nittany Lions' 1-yard line.

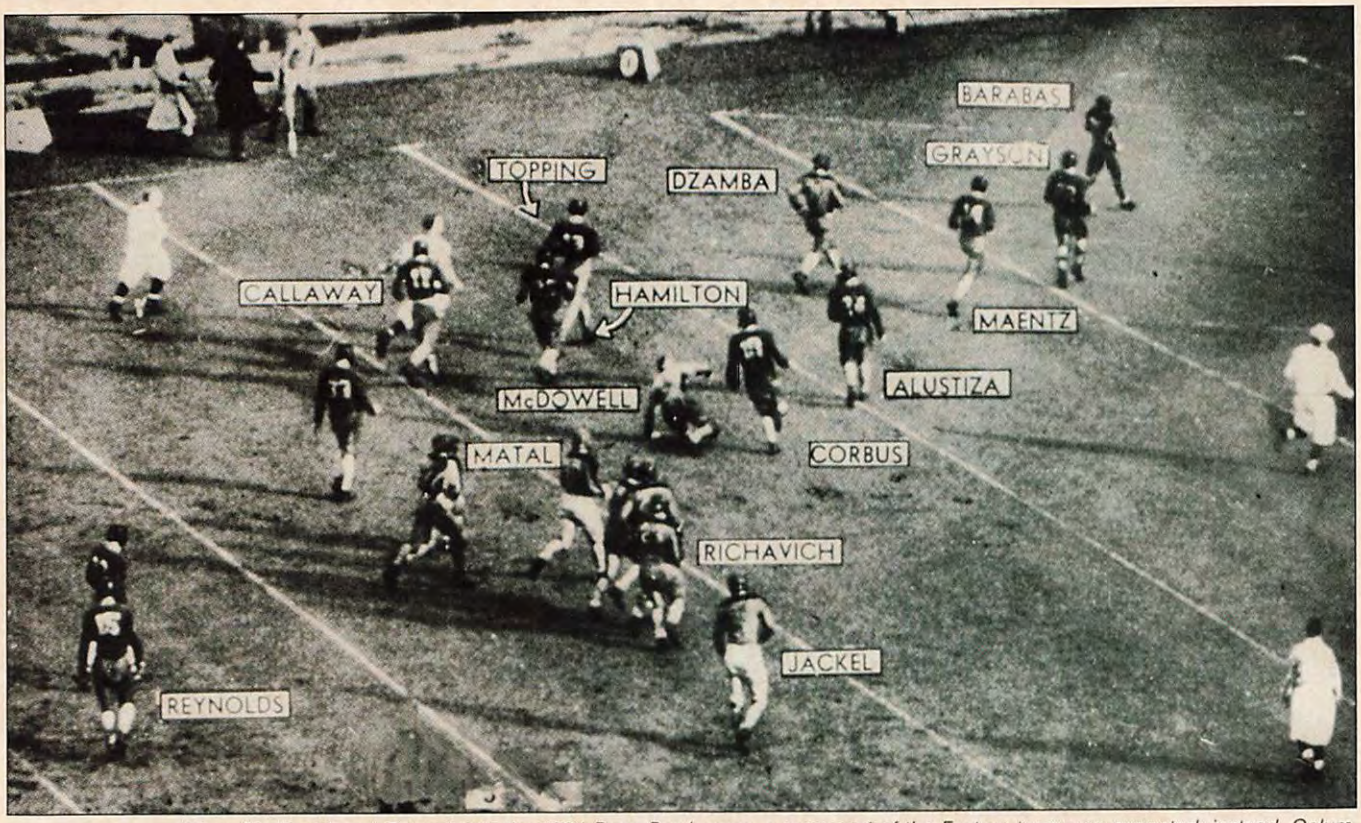
unscored on and uninvited to the Rose Bowl, coached an extremely strong East squad.

Stan Ritinski, a Fordham player, told Gilleran: "It was hardly a routine scrimmage. I guarantee that with another week of practice the East team could have held its own in the NFL."

Among the East All-Americans were Endicott "Chub" Peabody, Harvard's guard; halfback Bill Dudley of Virginia, who had led the nation in scoring with 138 points; and triple-threat back Bruce Smith of Minnesota, 1941 Heisman Trophy winner.

Gilleran says Ritinski told him, "Peabody was one tough hombre despite his Boston Back Bay lineage and Groton accent." Peabody had earned the Knute Rockne Award as College Lineman of the Year.

It was Peabody who, Gilleran said, "turned a scrimmage into a full-scale battle by what he said as he passed Fordham players on his way to the East side of the field. Sammy Ososki, one of our halfbacks, said Peabody



When Stanford faced Columbia in the 1934 Rose Bowl game, a massacre of the Eastern team was expected; instead, Columbia won 7–0 when Al Barabas scored (above) on a deceptive play known as KF-79. (Below) Southern California's Al Krueger, on this end-zone catch of Doyle Nave's 19-yard pass, beat Duke 7–3 in the 1939 Rose Bowl game.

remarked, 'Well, well, the tough Fordham Rams. We'll make lamb chops out of you guys very shortly.'

"On the first play, the big East line sprang Michigan fullback Bob Westfall for a 60-yard touchdown run."

Then Fordham got the ball. Lawrence Robinson, well-known sportswriter with the old *New York World-Telegram* who saw the scrimmage, wrote years later: "No one who was there will ever forget the next series of plays. You could hear the smack of the pads and the muffled grunts of the blockers and defenders all the way to Biloxi. It was one of the greatest football games ever played anywhere, anytime."

"It was brutal," Ososki told Gilleran. "Everyone was playing for bragging rights at his position. If the football public had known about it, they could have sold out Yankee Stadium."

Gilleran said Jim Lansing, a Fordham end, remembered a play when he crashed into Smith. "Neither of us got up," Lansing told Gilleran. "We both spent the night in the St. Stanislaus infirmary. As I recall, Smith was unable to play in the East-West game."

The slam-bang action ended with Fordham on top, two touchdowns to one. Fordham defeated Missouri 2–0 in the Sugar Bowl a few days later, and on Jan. 3, 1942, the East and West tied there 6–6.

Somehow, the writer can't forget the time he asked a college player to name the greatest game he ever played in. "Every one" was the answer. ■





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He Expects Greatness

by Bill McGrotha

It was one of those goal-line drills that some coaches say are "for men only."

Offense versus defense, and the idea is for the former to get the ball into the end zone despite the best efforts of the latter.

That time, in 1984, the Florida State offense did. Again and again.

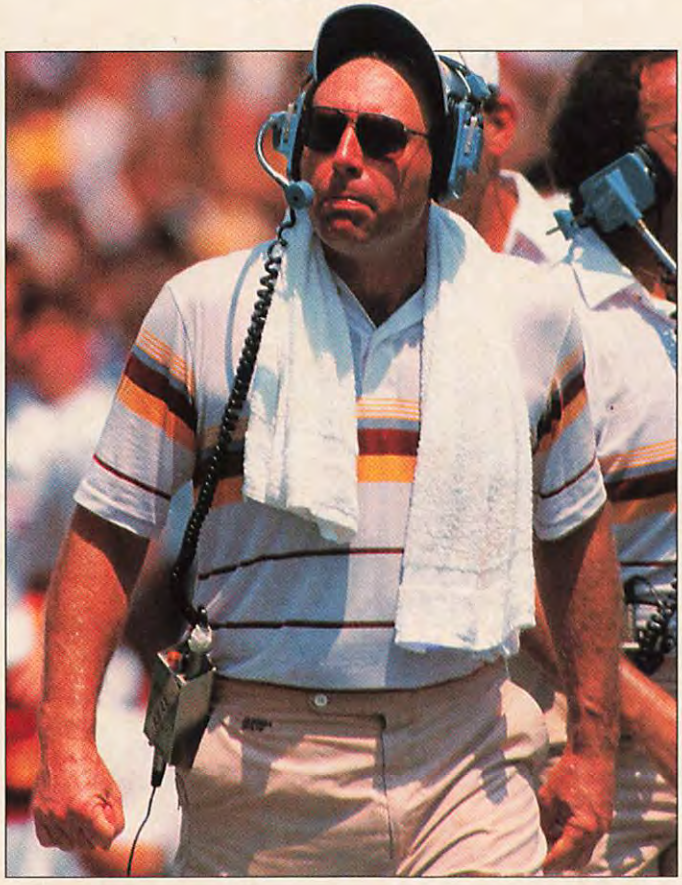
On the morning after, Bobby Bowden ribbed his new defensive coordinator a bit.

Mickey Andrews did not react very well to that gentle gigging, and Florida State's head coach took due note.

"You don't *ever* want to kid him about losing, I know that," says Bowden. "You might get slapped. That goal-line drill, very obviously, was not funny to him. It was more like he had lost a Super Bowl. I learned not to joke about serious business with him."

Florida State's defense, in 1983, wasn't much of a problem for opponents.

That's why Bowden brought in Andrews, a disciple of defense who had played in the secondary on two of Bear Bryant's national championship teams at Alabama, in 1961 and 1964. In addition, Andrews had head-coached another team, Livingston (Ala.) State, to an NAIA national title. Later, as defensive coordinator at Clemson, he constructed a defense that helped bring a national championship in 1981, the year after his departure for the University of Florida, where he created more defensive excellence.



Mickey Andrews did not take kindly to his boss' ribbing shortly after he became Florida State's defensive coordinator.

Steadily, if not spectacularly, Florida State has emerged as one of the nation's better defensive teams, particularly in late season.

"Probably one of the best-kept secrets in the country is the Florida State defense," Bowden says. "People hear so much about our scoring, about our 'rooskies,' they just don't realize our defenses in November probably have been about as good as any in the nation. Our outstanding November success the last three or four years has been mostly because of defense."

Moving into his eighth season as an assistant coach at Florida State, Andrews remembers a conversation he had with Bowden soon after he joined his staff.

"The main thing he talked about was that, because of a wide-open style of offense, our defense might be put at a disadvantage," says Andrews, *Athlon*'s Assistant Coach of the Year.

Wide-open offenses tend to get off the field fast, after scoring or turning the ball over. A defense, too long on the field, can become overburdened.

"What we had to realize was that there were going to be more points put on the board here," Andrews says. "More points than a lot of defenses would have to work with."

The No. 1 job of the Florida State defense, says Andrews, is simple: Get the ball back to the offense.

"We try to score ourselves," he says, "or get a turnover, or gain field position for the offense."

"An excellent fundamentalist and a hard, hard driver," Bowden says of Andrews.

"The word focused is overused, but if ever there was a guy enthusiastically focused on what he's trying to accomplish, it's Mickey."

Andrews drives his players relentlessly, but there is a pronounced personal touch, a caring touch.

"You couldn't bust a grape!" he yells at one would-be tackler. And to another: "My wife hugs harder than you do!"

Keith Jones, nicknamed Pit Bull, seemed to lack consistency, so Andrews rechristened him Pit Chihuahua.

Errol McCorvey, a junior cornerback last season, recalls Andrews, sharp tongue in cheek, apologizing to him on the sidelines after the player had looked bad on a practice play.

"It's my fault and please forgive me," Andrews said. "I shouldn't have put you in that situation. I thought you could handle it."

Then, there is the other side.

"It is almost like a father-son relationship," says safety John Davis. "He's not afraid to compliment."

Andrews seems to suggest his responsibility is indeed akin to that of a father.

"Any time they are not performing, you can point two fingers, one of them at me," he says. "If I don't expect them to be great, they won't be. But they know I care about them as a person and a player."

Former Florida State cornerback Deion Sanders was, and still is, often controversial, but no one ever said he was lacking in talent or willingness to work extremely hard.

When Sanders received the Jim Thorpe Award as college football's best defensive back, he called attention to his coach in the audience whom he said had played a major role in his success.

"Coach Andrews, I love you," Sanders said into the microphone.

There was no Sanders when Andrews arrived in Tallahassee in 1984. Talent was rather slim.

"We didn't have a lot of highly skilled defensive players, and we didn't have a great deal of speed," Andrews says in pronounced understatement. "We set out to locate and sell some high school kids on the idea that they could come here, make an immediate contribution and lay the groundwork for a solid defense."

The search-and-sell mission worked. Florida State's recruiting over the last few years, defensively as well as offensively, has been close to the best.

Philosophically, Andrews strives not to handicap that talent by making things overly complicated.

"Simplicity is a big thing," he says. "A player, or a group of players, having to think too much sometimes means they cannot play reckessly or with enough enthusiasm. They are overly concerned about what to do. You cannot allow the head to take away from the body and the heart. We want our guys doing their jobs with discipline and also with the intensity necessary to make good things happen."

And that, says Andrews, is straight from the gospel according to Bryant.

"If a guy is a great athlete, he can become better by improving on fundamentals," Andrews says. "He must let his ability help him to gain an edge. Fundamentals are going to be a deciding factor—how well he executes his assignments, learns the technique for his position. In our mind, that is the most important thing."

Andrews is not big on tricky defensive schemes, though he has a decided feel for specific strategy to fit situations, and he sees personnel as the key.

"I think offensive people have been ahead of defensive people, from the standpoint of adjusting to fit personnel," Andrews says. "In just the last few years, defenses have tried to let the scheme adjust to the personnel. You try to let your people do what they do well."

With its success, Florida State seems to have progressed to the point where it is able to recruit players to fit a particular scheme of defense.

"But you may come up short, through attrition or whatever," Andrews says. "Take last year. We recruited a tremendous group of linebackers. We've got to find a way to get them more involved in our game. Whether that means adjusting the scheme or making personnel changes (to other positions), we've got to find a way."

Florida State has been fortunate lately in finding a way to combine all its talent after first landing that talent.

"We probably changed more in each of the last three years than we did in the first four combined," says Andrews. "We changed the scheme and the personnel. We make that effort to get our 11 best players on the field."

But the best 11 never will play their best unless, says Andrews, they are properly motivated and prepared.

"There are times you must be the bad guy and push them," he says. "I mean, football is not easy. They can enjoy themselves a lot more on a creek bank than in the weight room. But they've got to know you care about them beyond the football field—that they are not like a commodity. You must care about their success in life and their growth as human beings. You've got to love them through the hard times. You've got to hurt when they hurt."

Andrews is emotional. Hard times during a game frequently find him reacting vigorously on the sidelines.

"I don't know how you can go out there and not be emotional," he says. "So much is riding on the moment. It's what you work for an entire year. It is not always a matter of the best team winning but often a matter of who plays the best that day. That's the challenge."

A challenge for Andrews, as with so many coaches, is combining the extreme demands of his profession with the rest of his life.

"The biggest problem I've had through the years is the time football takes from my family and my church," Andrews says.

Still, he thinks the problem of finding enough time for family and church would also be there in other jobs. "You need to be happy in what you're doing and who you're doing it with," he says.

"I don't know if I would enjoy being a race-car driver," Andrews says, "but if I was, I'd probably spend as many hours at that as football."

Now moving into his 25th year of coaching, Andrews, 48, spends hours in his office pondering the X's and O's. But he seems most at home on the practice field. In a sense, he seems made for the inevitable moment when a young defensive back drops an interception.

"Would somebody take a football over to that guy?" Andrews will bellow. "Just so he'll know what one feels like in his hands!" ■

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O. 19 OKLAHOMA
O. 26 KANSAS ST.
N. 2 NEBRASKA+
N. 9 OKLAHOMA ST.
N. 16 KANSAS+
N. 23 IOWA STATE

IOWA STATE
AMES, IOWA
(4–6–1)
S. 7 EASTERN ILL.+
S. 14 IOWA+
S. 21 WISCONSIN
S. 28 RICE*
O. 5 OKLAHOMA+
O. 19 KANSAS
O. 26 OKLAHOMA ST.+
N. 2 MISSOURI
N. 9 KANSAS ST.+
N. 16 NEBRASKA
N. 23 COLORADO+

KANSAS
LAWRENCE, KAN.
(3–7–1)
S. 7 TOLEDO*
S. 14 TULSA+
S. 21 NEW MEXICO ST.+
O. 5 VIRGINIA
O. 12 KANSAS ST.
O. 19 IOWA STATE+
O. 26 OKLAHOMA
N. 2 OKLAHOMA ST.
N. 9 NEBRASKA+
N. 16 COLORADO
N. 23 MISSOURI+

KANSAS STATE
MANHATTAN, KAN.
(5–6–0)
S. 7 INDIANA ST.+*
S. 14 IDAHO ST.+*
S. 21 NORTHERN ILL.+*
S. 28 WASHINGTON
O. 12 KANSAS+
O. 19 NEBRASKA
O. 26 COLORADO+
N. 2 OKLAHOMA
N. 9 IOWA STATE
N. 16 MISSOURI+
N. 23 OKLAHOMA ST.

MISSOURI
COLUMBIA, MO.
(4–7–0)
S. 14 ILLINOIS+
S. 21 BAYLOR*
S. 28 INDIANA+
O. 5 MEMPHIS ST.+
O. 12 COLORADO
O. 19 OKLAHOMA ST.+
O. 26 NEBRASKA
N. 2 IOWA STATE+
N. 9 OKLAHOMA+
N. 16 KANSAS ST.
N. 23 KANSAS

NEBRASKA
LINCOLN, NEB.
(9–3–0)
S. 7 UTAH ST.+
S. 14 COLORADO ST.+
S. 21 WASHINGTON+
S. 28 ARIZONA ST.*
O. 12 OKLAHOMA ST.
O. 19 KANSAS ST.+
O. 26 MISSOURI+
N. 2 COLORADO
N. 9 KANSAS
N. 16 IOWA STATE+
N. 29 OKLAHOMA+

OKLAHOMA
NORMAN, OKLA.
(8–3–0)
S. 14 NORTH TEXAS+
S. 21 UTAH STATE+
S. 28 VIRGINIA TECH+
O. 5 IOWA STATE
O. 12 TEXAS @
O. 19 COLORADO+
O. 26 KANSAS+
N. 2 KANSAS ST.+
N. 9 MISSOURI
N. 16 OKLAHOMA ST.+
N. 29 NEBRASKA
@ DALLAS, TEXAS

OKLAHOMA STATE
STILLWATER, OKLA.
(4–7–0)
S. 7 TULSA*
S. 14 ARIZONA ST.+*
S. 21 TCU+*
O. 5 MIAMI, FLA.
O. 12 NEBRASKA+
O. 19 MISSOURI
O. 26 IOWA STATE
N. 2 KANSAS+
N. 9 COLORADO+
N. 16 OKLAHOMA
N. 23 KANSAS ST.+

BIG TEN

ILLINOIS
CHAMPAIGN, ILL.
(8–4–0)
A. 31 EAST CAROLINA+
S. 14 MISSOURI
S. 21 HOUSTON+
O. 5 MINNESOTA+
O. 12 OHIO STATE+
O. 19 IOWA
O. 26 NORTHWESTERN
N. 2 WISCONSIN+
N. 9 PURDUE
N. 16 MICHIGAN+
N. 23 MICHIGAN ST.

INDIANA
BLOOMINGTON, IND.
(6–5–1)
S. 7 NOTRE DAME
S. 21 KENTUCKY+
S. 28 MISSOURI
O. 5 MICHIGAN ST.+
O. 12 NORTHWESTERN+
O. 19 MICHIGAN
O. 26 WISCONSIN
N. 2 MINNESOTA+
N. 9 IOWA
N. 16 OHIO STATE
N. 23 PURDUE+

IOWA
IOWA CITY, IOWA
(8–4–0)
S. 7 HAWAII+
S. 14 IOWA STATE
S. 28 NORTHERN ILL.+
O. 5 MICHIGAN+
O. 12 WISCONSIN
O. 19 ILLINOIS+
O. 26 PURDUE
N. 2 OHIO STATE
N. 9 INDIANA+
N. 16 NORTHWESTERN
N. 23 MINNESOTA+

MICHIGAN
ANN ARBOR, MICH.
(9–3–0)
S. 7 BOSTON COLLEGE
S. 14 NOTRE DAME+
S. 28 FLORIDA ST.+
O. 5 IOWA
O. 12 MICHIGAN ST.
O. 19 INDIANA+
O. 26 MINNESOTA
N. 2 PURDUE+
N. 9 NORTHWESTERN+
N. 16 ILLINOIS
N. 23 OHIO STATE+

MICHIGAN STATE
EAST LANSING, MICH.
(8–3–1)
S. 14 CENTRAL MICH.+
S. 21 NOTRE DAME
S. 28 RUTGERS+
O. 5 INDIANA
O. 12 MICHIGAN+
O. 19 MINNESOTA+
O. 26 OHIO STATE
N. 2 NORTHWESTERN+
N. 9 WISCONSIN
N. 16 PURDUE
N. 23 ILLINOIS+

MINNESOTA
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.
(6–5–0)
S. 14 SAN JOSE ST.+*
S. 21 COLORADO
S. 28 PITTSBURGH+
O. 5 ILLINOIS
O. 12 PURDUE+
O. 19 MICHIGAN ST.
O. 26 MICHIGAN+
N. 2 INDIANA
N. 9 OHIO STATE+
N. 16 WISCONSIN+
N. 23 IOWA

NORTHWESTERN
EVANSTON, ILL.
(2–9–0)
S. 14 RICE+
S. 21 RUTGERS
S. 28 WAKE FOREST+
O. 5 PURDUE+
O. 12 INDIANA
O. 19 OHIO STATE+@
O. 26 ILLINOIS+
N. 2 MICHIGAN ST.
N. 9 MICHIGAN
N. 16 IOWA+
N. 23 WISCONSIN
@ CLEVELAND, OHIO

OHIO STATE
COLUMBUS, OHIO
(7–4–1)
S. 7 ARIZONA+
S. 14 LOUISVILLE+
S. 21 WASHINGTON ST.+
O. 5 WISCONSIN+
O. 12 ILLINOIS
O. 19 NORTHWESTERN @
O. 26 MICHIGAN ST.+
N. 2 IOWA+
N. 9 MINNESOTA
N. 16 INDIANA+
N. 23 MICHIGAN
@ CLEVELAND, OHIO

PURDUE
WEST LAFAYETTE, IND.
(2–9–0)
S. 7 EASTERN MICH.+
S. 14 CALIFORNIA
S. 28 NOTRE DAME+
O. 5 NORTHWESTERN
O. 12 MINNESOTA
O. 19 WISCONSIN+
O. 26 IOWA+
N. 2 MICHIGAN
N. 9 ILLINOIS+
N. 16 MICHIGAN ST.+
N. 23 INDIANA

WISCONSIN
MADISON, WIS.
(1–10–0)
S. 14 WESTERN ILL.+
S. 21 IOWA STATE+
S. 28 EASTERN MICH.+
O. 5 OHIO STATE
O. 12 IOWA+
O. 19 PURDUE
O. 26 INDIANA+
N. 2 ILLINOIS
N. 9 MICHIGAN ST.+
N. 16 MINNESOTA
N. 23 NORTHWESTERN+

PAC TEN

ARIZONA
TUCSON, ARIZ.
(7–5–0)
S. 7 OHIO STATE
S. 14 STANFORD+*
S. 21 CALIFORNIA+*
S. 28 LONG BEACH ST.+*
O. 5 WASHINGTON
O. 12 UCLA
O. 26 MIAMI, FLA.+
N. 2 OREGON ST.+
N. 9 WASHINGTON ST.
N. 16 SOUTHERN CAL+*
N. 23 ARIZONA ST.*

ARIZONA STATE
TEMPE, ARIZ.
(4–7–0)
S. 14 OKLAHOMA ST.*
S. 21 SOUTHERN CAL
S. 28 NEBRASKA+*
O. 5 UTAH+*
O. 12 OREGON ST.
O. 19 WASH. ST.+*
O. 26 UCLA+*
N. 2 WASHINGTON
N. 9 OREGON+*
N. 16 CALIFORNIA
N. 23 ARIZONA+*

CALIFORNIA
BERKELEY, CALIF.
(7–4–1)
S. 7 PACIFIC+
S. 14 PURDUE+
S. 21 ARIZONA*
O. 5 UCLA
O. 12 OREGON+
O. 19 WASHINGTON+
O. 26 SAN JOSE ST.+
N. 2 SOUTHERN CAL+
N. 9 OREGON ST.
N. 16 ARIZONA ST.+
N. 23 STANFORD

OREGON
EUGENE, ORE.
(8–4–0)
S. 7 WASHINGTON ST.+
S. 14 TEXAS TECH*
S. 21 UTAH*
S. 28 SOUTHERN CAL+
O. 5 NEW MEXICO ST.+
O. 12 CALIFORNIA
O. 26 WASHINGTON
N. 2 STANFORD+
N. 9 ARIZONA ST.*
N. 16 UCLA
N. 23 OREGON ST.+

OREGON STATE
CORVALLIS, ORE.
(1–10–0)
S. 7 UTAH+
S. 14 NEV.-LAS VEGAS
S. 21 FRESNO ST.+
O. 5 WASHINGTON ST.
O. 12 ARIZONA ST.+
O. 19 UCLA+
O. 26 STANFORD
N. 2 ARIZONA
N. 9 CALIFORNIA+
N. 16 WASHINGTON+
N. 23 OREGON

SOUTHERN CAL
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.
(8–4–1)
S. 2 MEMPHIS ST.+
S. 14 PENN STATE+*
S. 21 ARIZONA ST.+
S. 28 OREGON
O. 12 WASHINGTON ST.
O. 19 STANFORD+
O. 26 NOTRE DAME
N. 2 CALIFORNIA
N. 9 WASHINGTON+
N. 16 ARIZONA*
N. 23 UCLA+

STANFORD
STANFORD, CALIF.
(5–6–0)
S. 7 WASHINGTON+
S. 14 ARIZONA*
S. 28 COLORADO+
O. 5 NOTRE DAME+
O. 12 CORNELL+
O. 19 SOUTHERN CAL
O. 26 OREGON ST.+
N. 2 OREGON
N. 9 UCLA+
N. 16 WASHINGTON ST.
N. 23 CALIFORNIA+

UCLA
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.
(5–6–0)
S. 7 BYU+
S. 14 TENNESSEE
S. 26 SAN DIEGO ST.*
O. 5 CALIFORNIA+
O. 12 ARIZONA+
O. 19 OREGON ST.
O. 26 ARIZONA ST.*
N. 2 WASHINGTON ST.+
N. 9 STANFORD
N. 16 OREGON+
N. 23 SOUTHERN CAL

WASHINGTON
SEATTLE, WASH.
(10–2–0)
S. 7 STANFORD
S. 21 NEBRASKA
S. 28 KANSAS ST.+
O. 5 ARIZONA+
O. 12 TOLEDO+
O. 19 CALIFORNIA
O. 26 OREGON+
N. 2 ARIZONA ST.+
N. 9 SOUTHERN CAL
N. 16 OREGON ST.
N. 23 WASH. ST.+

WASHINGTON ST.
PULLMAN, WASH.
(3–8–0)
S. 7 OREGON
S. 14 FRESNO ST.+
S. 21 OHIO STATE
S. 28 NEV.-LAS VEGAS
O. 5 OREGON ST.+
O. 12 SOUTHERN CAL+
O. 19 ARIZONA ST.*
N. 2 UCLA
N. 9 ARIZONA+
N. 16 STANFORD+
N. 23 WASHINGTON

SOUTHEASTERN

ALABAMA
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
(7–5–0)
S. 7 TEMPLE+
S. 14 FLORIDA
S. 21 GEORGIA
S. 28 VANDERBILT*
O. 5 TENN. CHATT.+@
O. 12 TULANE+
O. 19 TENNESSEE+@
N. 2 MISSISSIPPI ST.+
N. 9 LSU*
N. 16 MEMPHIS ST.
N. 30 AUBURN@
@ BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

AUBURN
AUBURN, ALA.
(8–3–1)
A. 31 GA. SOUTHERN+*
S. 14 MISSISSIPPI+*
S. 21 TEXAS*
S. 28 TENNESSEE
O. 5 SOUTHERN MISS.+
O. 12 VANDERBILT*
O. 26 MISSISSIPPI ST.+
N. 2 FLORIDA+
N. 9 SW LOUISIANA+
N. 16 GEORGIA
N. 30 ALABAMA@
@ BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

FLORIDA
GAINESVILLE, FLA.
(9–2–0)
S. 7 SAN JOSE ST.+
S. 14 ALABAMA+
S. 21 SYRACUSE
S. 28 MISSISSIPPI ST.#
O. 5 LSU*
O. 12 TENNESSEE+
O. 19 NORTHERN ILL.+
N. 2 AUBURN
N. 9 GEORGIA+@
N. 16 KENTUCKY+
N. 30 FLORIDA ST.+
ORLANDO, FLA.
@ JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

GEORGIA
ATHENS, GA.
(4–7–0)
A. 31 WESTERN CARO.+
S. 7 LSU+
S. 21 ALABAMA
S. 28 FULLERTON ST.+
O. 5 CLEMSON+
O. 12 MISSISSIPPI*
O. 19 VANDERBILT
O. 26 KENTUCKY+
N. 9 FLORIDA@
N. 16 AUBURN+
N. 30 GEORGIA TECH
@ JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

KENTUCKY
LEXINGTON, KY.
(4–7–0)
S. 7 MIAMI, OH.+*
S. 21 INDIANA
S. 28 KENT+*
O. 5 MISSISSIPPI+*
O. 12 MISSISSIPPI ST.
O. 19 LSU+
O. 26 GEORGIA
N. 2 CINCINNATI+
N. 9 VANDERBILT
N. 16 FLORIDA
N. 23 TENNESSEE+

LSU
BATON ROUGE, LA.
(5–6–0)
S. 7 GEORGIA
S. 14 TEXAS A&M*
S. 21 VANDERBILT+*
O. 5 FLORIDA+*
O. 12 ARKANSAS ST.+*
O. 19 KENTUCKY
O. 26 FLORIDA ST.+*
N. 2 MISSISSIPPI@
N. 9 ALABAMA+*
N. 16 MISSISSIPPI ST.+*
N. 23 TULANE*
@ JACKSON, MISS.

MISSISSIPPI
UNIVERSITY, MISS.
(9–3–0)
A. 31 TULANE
S. 7 MEMPHIS ST.*
S. 14 AUBURN*
S. 21 OHIO+*
S. 28 ARKANSAS+*@
O. 5 KENTUCKY*
O. 12 GEORGIA+*
O. 26 VANDERBILT+
N. 2 LSU+@
N. 16 TENNESSEE
N. 23 MISSISSIPPI ST.
@ JACKSON, MISS.

MISSISSIPPI STATE
MISSISSIPPI STATE, MISS.
(5–6–0)
A. 31 FULLERTON ST.+*
S. 7 TEXAS+*
S. 14 TULANE+*
S. 21 TENNESSEE*
S. 28 FLORIDA@
O. 12 KENTUCKY+
O. 19 MEMPHIS ST.+
O. 26 AUBURN
N. 2 ALABAMA
N. 16 LSU*
N. 23 MISSISSIPPI+
@ ORLANDO, FLA.

TENNESSEE
KNOXVILLE, TENN.
(9–2–2)
S. 5 LOUISVILLE*
S. 14 UCLA+
S. 21 MISSISSIPPI ST.+*
S. 28 AUBURN+
O. 12 FLORIDA
O. 19 ALABAMA@
N. 2 MEMPHIS ST.+
N. 9 NOTRE DAME
N. 16 MISSISSIPPI+
N. 23 KENTUCKY
N. 30 VANDERBILT+
@ BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

VANDERBILT
NASHVILLE, TENN.
(1–10–0)
S. 7 SYRACUSE*
S. 14 SMU+*
S. 21 LSU*
S. 28 ALABAMA+*
O. 5 DUKE
O. 12 AUBURN+*
O. 19 GEORGIA+
O. 26 MISSISSIPPI
N. 2 ARMY
N. 9 KENTUCKY+
N. 30 TENNESSEE

SOUTHWEST

ARKANSAS
FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.
(3–8–0)
A. 31 MIAMI, FLA.+@
S. 7 SMU+*@
S. 21 SW LOUISIANA+*
S. 28 MISSISSIPPI*#
O. 5 TCU*
O. 12 HOUSTON+
O. 19 TEXAS+*@
N. 2 BAYLOR+
N. 9 TEXAS TECH
N. 16 TEXAS A&M
N. 23 RICE+@
@ LITTLE ROCK, ARK.
JACKSON, MS.

BAYLOR
WACO, TEXAS
(6–4–1)
S. 7 TEXAS-EL PASO+*
S. 14 COLORADO
S. 21 MISSOURI+*
S. 28 SMU*
O. 5 HOUSTON
O. 12 RICE+
O. 19 TEXAS A&M+
O. 26 TCU+
N. 2 ARKANSAS
N. 16 TEXAS TECH+
N. 23 TEXAS

HOUSTON
HOUSTON, TEXAS
(10–1–0)
A. 31 LA. TECH+*
S. 12 MIAMI, FLA.*
S. 21 ILLINOIS
O. 5 BAYLOR+
O. 12 ARKANSAS
O. 19 SMU+
O. 26 TEXAS A&M
N. 9 TEXAS+
N. 16 RICE
N. 23 TCU
N. 30 TEXAS TECH+

RICE
HOUSTON, TEXAS
(5–6–0)
S. 14 NORTHWESTERN
S. 21 TULANE*
S. 28 IOWA STATE+*
O. 5 TEXAS*
O. 12 BAYLOR
O. 19 TCU+
O. 26 TEXAS TECH
N. 2 TEXAS A&M+
N. 9 SMU
N. 16 HOUSTON+
N. 23 ARKANSAS@
@ LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

SOUTHERN METHODIST
DALLAS, TEXAS
(1–10–0)
S. 7 ARKANSAS*@
S. 14 VANDERBILT*
S. 28 BAYLOR+*
O. 5 TULANE*
O. 12 TEXAS TECH+
O. 19 HOUSTON
O. 26 TEXAS+
N. 2 TCU
N. 9 RICE+
N. 23 TEXAS A&M
N. 30 TULSA+
@ LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

TEXAS
AUSTIN, TEXAS
(10–2–0)
S. 7 MISSISSIPPI ST.*
S. 21 AUBURN+*
O. 5 RICE+*
O. 12 OKLAHOMA+@
O. 19 ARKANSAS*#
O. 26 SMU
N. 2 TEXAS TECH+
N. 9 HOUSTON
N. 16 TCU+
N. 23 BAYLOR+
N. 28 TEXAS A&M*
@ DALLAS, TEXAS
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

TEXAS A&M
COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS
(9–3–1)
S. 14 LSU+*
S. 21 TULSA*
S. 28 SW LOUISIANA+*
O. 5 TEXAS TECH*
O. 19 BAYLOR
O. 26 HOUSTON+
N. 2 RICE
N. 7 TCU*
N. 16 ARKANSAS+
N. 23 SMU+
N. 28 TEXAS+*

TEXAS CHRISTIAN
FORT WORTH, TEXAS
(5–6–0)
S. 7 NEW MEXICO+*
S. 14 BALL STATE+*
S. 21 OKLAHOMA ST.*
S. 28 TEXAS TECH*
O. 5 ARKANSAS+*
O. 19 RICE
O. 26 BAYLOR
N. 2 SMU+
N. 7 TEXAS A&M+*
N. 16 TEXAS
N. 23 HOUSTON+

TEXAS TECH
LUBBOCK, TEXAS
(4–7–0)
S. 7 FULLERTON ST.+*
S. 14 OREGON+*
S. 21 WYOMING
O. 5 TCU+*
O. 12 SMU
O. 26 RICE+
N. 2 TEXAS
N. 9 ARKANSAS+
N. 16 BAYLOR
N. 30 HOUSTON

WESTERN ATHLETIC

AIR FORCE
ACADEMY, COLO.
(7–5–0)
A. 31 WEBER ST.+
S. 7 COLORADO ST.
S. 14 UTAH*
S. 21 SAN DIEGO ST.+
S. 28 BYU
O. 5 WYOMING+
O. 12 NAVY
O. 19 NOTRE DAME+
O. 26 TEXAS-EL PASO+*
N. 2 NEW MEXICO*
N. 9 ARMY+
N. 23 HAWAII*

BRIGHAM YOUNG
PROVO, UTAH
(10–3–0)
A. 29 FLORIDA ST.*@
S. 7 UCLA
S. 21 PENN STATE
S. 28 AIR FORCE+
O. 4 UTAH STATE+*
O. 12 TEXAS-EL PASO+
O. 19 HAWAII+
O. 26 NEW MEXICO*
O. 31 COLORADO ST.*
N. 9 WYOMING+
N. 16 SAN DIEGO ST.*
N. 23 UTAH+
@ ANAHEIM, CALIF.

COLORADO STATE
FORT COLLINS, COLO.
(9–4–0)
A. 31 ARKANSAS ST.+
S. 7 AIR FORCE+
S. 14 NEBRASKA
S. 21 SOUTHERN MISS.
S. 28 HAWAII+
O. 5 TEXAS-EL PASO*
O. 19 UTAH
O. 26 WYOMING
O. 31 BYU+*
N. 9 SAN DIEGO ST.*
N. 16 NEW MEXICO+

HAWAII
HONOLULU, HI.
(7–5–0)
A. 31 WYOMING
S. 7 IOWA
S. 14 NEW MEXICO+*
S. 21 PACIFIC+*
S. 28 COLORADO ST.
O. 5 SAN DIEGO ST.+*
O. 19 BYU
N. 2 UTAH+*
N. 9 TEXAS-EL PASO+
N. 16 SAN JOSE ST.
N. 23 AIR FORCE+*
N. 30 NOTRE DAME+

NEW MEXICO
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.
(2–10–0)
A. 31 TEXAS-EL PASO*
S. 7 TCU*
S. 14 HAWAII*
S. 21 NEV.-LAS VEGAS+*
S. 28 NEW MEXICO ST.+*
O. 5 FRESNO ST.*
O. 12 SAN DIEGO ST.*
O. 19 WYOMING+*
O. 26 BYU+*
N. 2 AIR FORCE+*
N. 9 UTAH
N. 16 COLORADO ST.

SAN DIEGO STATE
SAN DIEGO, CALIF.
(6–5–0)
S. 8 LONG BEACH ST.+*
S. 14 PACIFIC+*
S. 21 AIR FORCE
S. 26 UCLA+*
O. 5 HAWAII*
O. 12 NEW MEXICO+*
O. 19 TEXAS-EL PASO*
O. 26 UTAH
N. 2 WYOMING+*
N. 9 COLORADO ST.+*
N. 16 BYU+*
N. 30 MIAMI, FLA.

TEXAS-EL PASO
EL PASO, TEXAS
(3–8–0)
A. 31 NEW MEXICO+*
S. 7 BAYLOR*
S. 14 NEW MEXICO ST.*
S. 21 NW LOUISIANA+*
S. 28 WYOMING
O. 5 COLORADO ST.+*
O. 12 BYU
O. 19 SAN DIEGO ST.+*
O. 26 AIR FORCE*
N. 9 HAWAII
N. 16 UTAH+*
N. 23 LA. TECH+

UTAH
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
(4–7–0)
A. 31 UTAH STATE+*
S. 7 OREGON ST.
S. 14 AIR FORCE+*
S. 21 OREGON+*
O. 5 ARIZONA ST.*
O. 12 WYOMING
O. 19 COLORADO ST.+
O. 26 SAN DIEGO ST.+
N. 2 HAWAII*
N. 9 NEW MEXICO+
N. 16 TEXAS-EL PASO*
N. 23 BYU

WYOMING
LARAMIE, WYO.
(9–4–0)
A. 31 HAWAII+
S. 7 COLORADO
S. 14 SW LOUISIANA+
S. 21 TEXAS TECH+
S. 28 TEXAS-EL PASO+
O. 5 AIR FORCE
O. 12 UTAH+
O. 19 NEW MEXICO*
O. 26 COLORADO ST.+
N. 2 SAN DIEGO ST.*
N. 9 BYU

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COLLEGE SCHEDULES

AKRON
AKRON, OHIO
(3-7-1)
S. 7 WESTERN MICH.
S. 14 ILLINOIS ST.+*
S. 21 CENTRAL MICH.
S. 28 NORTHERN ARIZ.+
O. 5 EAST CAROLINA
O. 12 YOUNGSTOWN ST.+
O. 19 ARKANSAS ST.+
O. 26 NORTHERN ILL.+
N. 9 VIRGINIA TECH
N. 16 ARMY
N. 23 TEMPLE

APPALACHIAN ST.
BOONE, N.C.
(6-5-0)
A. 31 MARSHALL+
S. 7 CLEMSON
S. 14 VMI+
S. 21 JAMES MADISON+
S. 28 TENN. CHATT.+
O. 5 WAKE FOREST
O. 12 EAST TENN. ST.
O. 19 FURMAN
N. 2 THE CITADEL
N. 9 MISSISSIPPI COL.+
N. 16 WESTERN CARO.

ARKANSAS ST.
STATE UNIVERSITY, ARK.
(3-7-1)
A. 31 COLORADO ST.
S. 7 NW LOUISIANA+*
S. 14 NORTHERN ILL.*
S. 21 MEMPHIS ST.*
S. 28 LA. TECH+*
O. 5 CENTRAL FLORIDA+
O. 12 LSU*
O. 19 AKRON
O. 26 SW MISSOURI ST.+
N. 9 TROY STATE+
N. 16 SW LOUISANA+

ARMY
WEST POINT, N.Y.
(6-5-0)
S. 14 COLGATE+
S. 21 N. CAROLINA+
S. 28 HARVARD+
O. 5 RUTGERS*+@
O. 12 THE CITADEL+
O. 19 LOUISVILLE
O. 26 BOSTON COLLEGE+
N. 2 VANDERBILT+
N. 9 AIR FORCE
N. 16 AKRON+
D. 7 NAVY#
@ EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

AUSTIN PEAY
CLARKSVILLE, TENN.
(0-11-0)
S. 7 WESTERN KY.+*
S. 14 SOUTHERN ILL.+*
S. 21 KENTUCKY ST.+*
S. 28 SE MISSOURI+*
O. 12 MIDDLE TENN.+
O. 19 TENN TECH
O. 26 TENNESSEE ST.+
N. 2 MOREHEAD ST.
N. 9 UT-MARTIN
N. 16 EASTERN KY.
N. 23 MURRAY ST.+

BALL STATE
MUNCIE, IND.
(7-4-0)
A. 31 MIAMI, OH.
S. 7 NAVY
S. 14 TCU*
S. 21 KENT+
S. 28 INDIANA ST.*
O. 5 WESTERN MICH+
O. 12 EASTERN MICH.*
O. 26 CENTRAL MICH.
N. 2 OHIO+
N. 9 TOLEDO
N. 16 BOWLING GREEN+

BOISE STATE
BOISE, IDAHO
(8-3-0)
S. 7 LIBERTY+*
S. 14 LONG BEACH ST.+*
S. 21 EASTERN WASH.+*
S. 28 S.F. AUSTIN+*
O. 12 MONTANA
O. 19 NORTHERN ARIZ.+*
O. 26 NEVADA
N. 2 IDAHO ST.+
N. 9 MONTANA ST.+
N. 16 WEBER ST.
N. 23 IDAHO

BOSTON
BOSTON, MASS.
(5-6-0)
S. 7 WILLIAM & MARY+*
S. 14 TOWSON ST.
S. 21 HOLY CROSS+*
S. 28 MASSACHUSETTS+*
O. 5 VILLANOVA
O. 12 DELAWARE+
O. 19 RICHMOND
O. 26 RHODE ISLAND+
N. 2 NEW HAMPSHIRE
N. 9 MAINE+
N. 16 CONNECTICUT

BOWLING GREEN
BOWLING GREEN, OHIO
(3-5-2)
A. 31 EASTERN MICH.+
S. 7 W. VIRGINIA
S. 21 CINCINNATI+
S. 28 NAVY
O. 5 CENTRAL MICH.+
O. 12 OHIO
O. 19 TOLEDO+
O. 26 WESTERN MICH.
N. 2 MIAMI, OH.
N. 9 KENT+
N. 16 BALL STATE

BROWN
PROVIDENCE, PA.
(2-8-0)
S. 21 YALE
S. 28 MARSHALL*
O. 5 RHODE ISLAND+
O. 12 PRINCETON+
O. 19 HOLY CROSS
O. 26 PENNSYLVANIA
N. 2 CORNELL+
N. 9 HARVARD+
N. 16 DARTMOUTH
N. 23 COLUMBIA+

BUCKNELL
LEWISBURG, PA.
(7-4-0)
S. 6 HOFSTRA*
S. 14 VILLANOVA+
S. 21 FORDHAM
S. 28 DARTMOUTH
O. 5 CORNELL+
O. 12 LAFAYETTE
O. 19 PRINCETON
N. 2 COLGATE
N. 9 HOLY CROSS+
N. 16 LEHIGH+

CENTRAL MICHIGAN
MT. PLEASANT, MICH.
(8-3-1)
A. 31 OHIO
S. 7 SW LOUISIANA+
S. 14 MICHIGAN ST.
S. 21 AKRON+
S. 28 TOLEDO*
O. 5 BOWLING GREEN
O. 12 MIAMI, OH.+
O. 19 KENT
O. 26 BALL STATE+
N. 2 EASTERN MICH.*
N. 16 WESTERN MICH.+

CINCINNATI
CINCINNATI, OHIO
(1-10-0)
S. 7 PENN STATE
S. 14 N. CAROLINA
S. 21 BOWLING GREEN
S. 28 MIAMI, OH.+
O. 5 LOUISVILLE
O. 12 KENT
O. 19 VIRGINIA TECH
O. 26 SOUTHERN MISS.+
N. 2 KENTUCKY
N. 9 MIDDLE TENN.+
N. 23 EAST CAROLINA+

THE CITADEL
CHARLESTON, S.C.
(7-5-0)
S. 7 PRESBYTERIAN+*
S. 14 WOFFORD+*
S. 21 TENN. CHATT.*
O. 5 WESTERN CARO.+*
O. 12 ARMY
O. 19 WILLIAM & MARY
O. 26 VMI@
N. 2 APPALACHIAN ST.+
N. 9 MARSHALL
N. 16 EAST TENN. ST.*
N. 23 FURMAN+
@ NORFOLK, VA.

COLGATE
HAMILTON, N.Y.
(7-4-0)
S. 7 NORTHEASTERN+
S. 14 ARMY
S. 21 DUKE
S. 28 CORNELL
O. 5 PRINCETON
O. 12 YALE+
O. 26 FORDHAM+
N. 2 BUCKNELL+
N. 9 LEHIGH+
N. 16 LAFAYETTE
N. 23 HOLY CROSS

COLUMBIA
NEW YORK, N.Y.
(1-9-0)
S. 21 HARVARD
S. 28 LEHIGH+
O. 5 FORDHAM+
O. 12 PENNSYLVANIA+
O. 19 LAFAYETTE
O. 26 YALE+
N. 2 PRINCETON
N. 9 DARTMOUTH+
N. 16 CORNELL
N. 23 BROWN

CONNECTICUT
STORRS, CONN.
(6-5-0)
S. 7 FURMAN+
S. 14 NEW HAMPSHIRE
S. 21 LEHIGH+
S. 28 VILLANOVA
O. 5 YALE
O. 19 MASSACHUSETTS+
O. 26 MAINE
N. 2 RICHMOND
N. 9 DELAWARE+
N. 16 BOSTON+
N. 23 RHODE ISLAND

CORNELL
ITHACA, N.Y.
(7-3-0)
S. 21 PRINCETON
S. 28 COLGATE+
O. 5 BUCKNELL
O. 12 STANFORD
O. 19 HARVARD+
O. 26 DARTMOUTH
N. 2 BROWN
N. 9 YALE+
N. 16 COLUMBIA+
N. 23 PENNSYLVANIA

DARTMOUTH
HANOVER, N.H.
(7-2-1)
S. 21 PENNSYLVANIA
S. 28 BUCKNELL+
O. 5 LEHIGH
O. 12 HOLY CROSS+
O. 19 YALE
O. 26 CORNELL+
N. 2 HARVARD
N. 9 COLUMBIA
N. 16 BROWN+
N. 23 PRINCETON+

DELAWARE
NEWARK, DEL.
(6-5-0)
A. 31 WEST CHESTER+
S. 7 MASSACHUSETTS
S. 14 WILLIAM & MARY
S. 21 RHODE ISLAND
O. 5 NEW HAMPSHIRE+
O. 12 BOSTON
O. 19 VILLANOVA+
O. 26 NAVY
N. 2 MAINE+
N. 9 CONNECTICUT
N. 16 RICHMOND+

EAST CAROLINA
GREENVILLE, N.C.
(5-6-0)
A. 31 ILLINOIS
S. 14 MEMPHIS ST.+*
S. 21 CENTRAL FLA.*
S. 28 SOUTH CARO.+
O. 5 AKRON+
O. 12 SYRACUSE
O. 26 PITTSBURGH+
N. 2 TULANE+
N. 9 SOUTHERN MISS
N. 16 VIRGINIA TECH
N. 23 CINCINNATI

EASTERN ILLINOIS
CHARLESTON, ILL.
(5-6-0)
A. 31 LOCK HAVEN ST.+*
S. 7 IOWA STATE
S. 14 EASTERN WASH.+*
S. 21 MURRAY ST.*
O. 5 WESTERN ILL.+*
O. 12 INDIANA ST.*
O. 19 ILLINOIS ST.+
N. 2 SOUTHERN ILL.
N. 9 WESTERN KY.
N. 16 SW MISSOURI+
N. 23 NORTHERN IOWA

EASTERN KENTUCKY
RICHMOND, KY.
(10-2-0)
A. 31 LOUISVILLE
S. 14 SE MISSOURI*
S. 21 MIDDLE TENN.+*
S. 28 TENN. TECH
O. 5 GA. SOUTHERN+*
O. 12 WESTERN KY.+*
O. 26 UT-MARTIN+
N. 2 TENNESSEE ST.
N. 9 MURRAY ST.
N. 16 AUSTIN PEAY+
N. 23 MOREHEAD ST.+

EASTERN MICHIGAN
YPSILANTI, MICH.
(2-9-0)
A. 31 BOWLING GREEN
S. 7 PURDUE
S. 14 MIAMI, OH.
S. 21 LA. TECH+*
S. 28 WISCONSIN
O. 5 KENT
O. 12 BALL STATE+*
O. 19 WESTERN MICH.+*
N. 2 CENTRAL MICH.+*
N. 9 OHIO
N. 16 TOLEDO+*

EAST TENNESSEE ST.
JOHNSON CITY, TENN.
(2-9-0)
A. 31 BLOOMSBURG ST.+*
S. 7 VMI
S. 14 SAMFORD+*
S. 21 WESTERN CARO.+*
O. 5 SOUTH CARO.
O. 12 APPALACHIAN ST.+
O. 19 NORTH CARO. A&T+*
N. 2 FURMAN
N. 9 TENN. CHATT.+*
N. 16 THE CITADEL+*
N. 23 MARSHALL

FLORIDA STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLA.
(10-2-0)
A. 29 BYU*@
S. 7 TULANE+*
S. 14 WESTERN MICH.+
S. 28 MICHIGAN
O. 5 SYRACUSE+
O. 12 VIRGINIA TECH#
O. 19 MIDDLE TENN.+
O. 26 LSU*
N. 2 LOUISVILLE
N. 9 SOUTH CARO.+
N. 16 MIAMI, FLA.+
N. 30 FLORIDA
@ ANAHEIM, CA.
ORLANDO, FLA.

FORDHAM
BRONX, N.Y.
(1-9-0)
S. 14 LEHIGH+
S. 21 BUCKNELL+
S. 28 PRINCETON
O. 5 COLUMBIA
O. 12 HARVARD+
O. 26 COLGATE
N. 2 HOFSTRA+
N. 9 LAFAYETTE
N. 16 HOLY CROSS@
N. 23 VILLANOVA+
@ LIMERICK, IRELAND

FRESNO STATE
FRESNO, CALIF.
(8-2-1)
S. 7 NORTHERN ILL.+*
S. 14 WASHINGTON ST.
S. 21 OREGON ST.
O. 5 NEW MEXICO+*
O. 12 LONG BEACH ST.+*
O. 19 NEW MEXICO ST.
O. 26 NEV.-LAS VEGAS+*
N. 2 UTAH STATE
N. 9 PACIFIC
N. 16 FULLERTON ST.+*
N. 23 SAN JOSE ST.+*

FULLERTON STATE
FULLERTON, CALIF.
(1-11-0)
A. 31 MISSISSIPPI ST.*
S. 7 TEXAS TECH*
S. 21 CAL-NORTHRIDGE+
S. 28 GEORGIA
O. 5 PACIFIC
O. 12 NEV.-LAS VEGAS+
O. 19 UTAH STATE
N. 2 NEW MEXICO ST.+
N. 9 SAN JOSE ST.*
N. 16 FRESNO ST.*
N. 23 LONG BEACH ST.+

FURMAN
GREENVILLE, S.C.
(9-4-0)
S. 7 CONNECTICUT
S. 14 LIBERTY+
S. 21 PRESBYTERIAN+
S. 28 WESTERN CARO.*
O. 5 VMI
O. 12 MARSHALL+
O. 19 APPALACHIAN ST.+
N. 2 EAST TENN. ST.+
N. 9 GEORGIA TECH
N. 16 TENN.-CHATT.+
N. 23 THE CITADEL

GA. SOUTHERN
STATESBORO, GA.
(12-3-0)
A. 31 AUBURN*
S. 7 SAVANNAH ST.+
S. 14 NE LOUISIANA*
S. 21 FLORIDA A&M*
O. 5 EASTERN KY.*
O. 12 WESTERN CARO.+
O. 19 JAMES MADISON
O. 26 CENTRAL FLA.+
N. 2 YOUNGSTOWN ST.+
N. 16 TROY ST.+
N. 23 NICHOLLS ST.+

GRAMBLING
GRAMBLING, LA.
(8-3-0)
S. 7 ALCORN ST.*
S. 14 VIRGINIA UNION*@
S. 21 TENNESSEE ST.
S. 28 NO. CARO. A&T*#
O. 5 PRAIRIE VIEW+*
O. 19 MISSISSIPPI VAL.+*
O. 26 JACKSON ST.*
N. 2 TEXAS SO.+
N. 9 ALABAMA ST.*%
N. 16 FLORIDA A&M+
N. 30 SOUTHERN$
@ EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.
DALLAS, TX
% PONTIAC, MI
$ NEW ORLEANS, LA

HARVARD
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.
(5-5-0)
S. 21 COLUMBIA+
S. 28 ARMY
O. 5 HOLY CROSS+
O. 12 FORDHAM
O. 19 CORNELL
O. 26 PRINCETON+
N. 2 DARTMOUTH+
N. 9 BROWN
N. 16 PENNSYLVANIA+
N. 23 YALE

HOLY CROSS
WORCESTER, MASS.
(9-1-1)
S. 14 MASSACHUSETTS
S. 21 BOSTON*
S. 28 PENNSYLVANIA+
O. 5 HARVARD
O. 12 DARTMOUTH
O. 19 BROWN+
O. 26 LEHIGH
N. 2 LAFAYETTE+
N. 9 BUCKNELL
N. 16 FORDHAM+@
N. 23 COLGATE+
@ LIMERICK, IRELAND

IDAHO
MOSCOW, IDAHO
(9-4-0)
S. 7 SONOMA ST.+*
S. 14 SW TEXAS ST.+*
S. 21 MONTANA ST.
S. 28 NORTHERN IOWA+*
O. 5 NEVADA+
O. 12 WEBER ST.*
O. 19 IDAHO ST.*
O. 26 EASTERN WASH.+
N. 9 NORTHERN ARIZ.*
N. 16 MONTANA+
N. 23 BOISE ST.+

IDAHO STATE
POCATELLO, IDAHO
(3-8-0)
S. 7 MESA STATE+*
S. 14 KANSAS ST.*
S. 28 MONTANA
O. 5 NORTHERN ARIZ.+*
O. 12 NEVADA
O. 19 IDAHO+*
O. 26 MONTANA ST.+*
N. 2 BOISE ST.
N. 9 EASTERN WASH.
N. 16 SOUTHERN UTAH
N. 23 WEBER ST.+*

ILLINOIS STATE
NORMAL, ILL.
(5-6-0)
A. 31 ST. FRANCIS+*
S. 14 AKRON*
S. 21 SE MISSOURI ST.+*
S. 28 SOUTHERN ILL.
O. 5 INDIANA ST.+
O. 12 NORTHERN IOWA+
O. 19 EASTERN ILL.
O. 26 WESTERN ILL.+
N. 9 SW MISSOURI ST.
N. 16 NORTHERN ILL.
N. 23 WESTERN KY.+

INDIANA STATE
TERRE HAUTE, IND.
(4-7-0)
S. 7 KANSAS ST.*
S. 14 CEN. MO. ST.+*
S. 21 CONCORD+*
S. 28 BALL STATE+*
O. 5 ILLINOIS ST.
O. 12 EASTERN ILL.+*
O. 19 SW MISSOURI ST.
O. 26 SOUTHERN ILL.+
N. 2 WESTERN ILL.+
N. 9 NORTHERN IOWA*
N. 16 WESTERN KY.+

KENT
KENT, OHIO
(2-9-0)
S. 14 N.C. STATE*
S. 21 BALL STATE
S. 28 KENTUCKY*
O. 5 EASTERN MICH.+
O. 12 CINCINNATI+
O. 19 CENTRAL MICH.+
O. 26 OHIO
N. 2 TOLEDO+
N. 9 BOWLING GREEN
N. 16 MIAMI, OH.+
N. 23 WESTERN MICH.

LAFAYETTE
EASTON, PA.
(4-7-0)
S. 14 BUFFALO+
S. 21 VMI
S. 28 YALE+
O. 5 PENNSYLVANIA
O. 12 BUCKNELL+
O. 19 COLUMBIA+
O. 26 HOFSTRA
N. 2 HOLY CROSS
N. 9 FORDHAM+
N. 16 COLGATE+
N. 23 LEHIGH

LEHIGH
BETHLEHEM, PA.
(7-4-0)
S. 14 FORDHAM
S. 21 CONNECTICUT
S. 28 COLUMBIA
O. 5 DARTMOUTH+
O. 12 NORTHEASTERN+
O. 19 PENNSYLVANIA+
O. 26 HOLY CROSS+
N. 2 WILLIAM & MARY+
N. 9 COLGATE
N. 16 BUCKNELL
N. 23 LAFAYETTE+

LIBERTY
LYNCHBURG, VA.
(7-4-0)
S. 7 BOISE ST.*
S. 14 FURMAN
S. 21 W. VA. TECH+*
O. 5 MOREHEAD ST.
O. 12 DELAWARE ST.
O. 19 YOUNGSTOWN ST.*
O. 28 TOWSON ST.+
N. 2 JAMES MADISON+
N. 9 CENTRAL FLA.
N. 16 KUTZTOWN+
N. 23 SAMFORD

LONG BEACH ST.
LONG BEACH, CALIF.
(6-5-0)
S. 8 SAN DIEGO ST.*
S. 14 BOISE ST.*
S. 21 SAN JOSE ST.+*
S. 28 ARIZONA*
O. 5 NEV.-LAS VEGAS
O. 12 FRESNO ST.*
O. 19 MIAMI, FLA.
O. 26 UTAH STATE+*
N. 2 PACIFIC+*
N. 9 NEW MEXICO ST.*
N. 23 FULLERTON ST.

LOUISIANA TECH
RUSTON, LA.
(8-3-1)
A. 31 HOUSTON*
S. 14 MONTANA+*
S. 21 EASTERN MICH.*
S. 28 ARKANSAS ST.*
O. 5 NORTHERN ILL.*
O. 12 SOUTH CARO.
O. 26 SW LOUISIANA*
N. 2 NE LOUISIANA+*
N. 9 SOUTHERN ILL.+
N. 16 SOUTHERN MISS+*
N. 23 TEXAS-EL PASO

LOUISVILLE
LOUISVILLE, KY.
(10-1-1)
A. 31 EASTERN KY.+
S. 5 TENNESSEE+*
S. 14 OHIO STATE
S. 28 SOUTHERN MISS+
O. 5 CINCINNATI+
O. 12 BOSTON COLLEGE
O. 19 ARMY+
O. 26 VIRGINIA TECH
N. 2 FLORIDA ST.+
N. 9 MEMPHIS ST.
N. 16 TULSA

MAINE
ORONO, MAINE
(3-8-0)
S. 7 VILLANOVA+
S. 14 NORTHEASTERN+
S. 21 MASSACHUSETTS+
S. 28 NEW HAMPSHIRE
O. 5 RICHMOND+
O. 12 RUTGERS
O. 19 RHODE ISLAND
O. 26 CONNECTICUT+
N. 2 DELAWARE
N. 9 BOSTON
N. 16 TOWSON ST.+

MARSHALL
HUNTINGTON, W.VA.
(6-5-0)
A. 31 APPALACHIAN ST.
S. 7 NEW HAMPSHIRE+*
S. 14 MOREHEAD ST.+*
S. 28 BROWN+*
O. 12 FURMAN
O. 19 N.C. STATE
O. 26 TENN.-CHATT.*
N. 2 WESTERN CARO.+
N. 9 THE CITADEL+
N. 16 VMI+
N. 23 EAST TENN. ST.+

MASSACHUSETTS
AMHERST, MASS.
(8-2-1)
S. 7 DELAWARE+
S. 14 HOLY CROSS+
S. 21 MAINE
S. 28 BOSTON*
O. 5 JAMES MADISON
O. 12 RHODE ISLAND+
O. 19 CONNECTICUT
N. 2 NORTHEASTERN
N. 9 RICHMOND+
N. 16 VILLANOVA
N. 23 NEW HAMPSHIRE+

McNEESE STATE
LAKE CHARLES, LA.
(5-6-0)
S. 7 NORTHERN IOWA
S. 14 SW MISSOURI*
S. 21 MONTANA+*
O. 5 NICHOLLS ST.+*
O. 12 NE LOUISIANA*
O. 19 NW LOUISIANA*
O. 26 SW TEXAS+*
N. 2 NORTH TEXAS+*
N. 9 S.F. AUSTIN+*
N. 16 SAM HOUSTON ST.*
N. 23 TENN.-MARTIN+*

MEMPHIS STATE
MEMPHIS, TENN.
(4-6-1)
S. 2 SOUTHERN CAL
S. 7 MISSISSIPPI+*
S. 14 EAST CAROLINA*
S. 21 ARKANSAS ST.+*
O. 5 MISSOURI
O. 12 SOUTHERN MISS+*
O. 19 MISSISSIPPI ST.
O. 26 TULSA+*
N. 2 TENNESSEE
N. 9 LOUISVILLE+
N. 16 ALABAMA+

MIAMI (OHIO)
OXFORD, OHIO
(5-5-1)
A. 31 BALL STATE+
S. 7 KENTUCKY*
S. 14 EASTERN MICH.+
S. 28 CINCINNATI
O. 5 SW LOUISIANA*
O. 12 CENTRAL MICH.
O. 19 OHIO+
O. 26 TOLEDO
N. 2 BOWLING GREEN+
N. 9 WESTERN MICH.
N. 16 KENT

MIDDLE TENNESSEE
MURFREESBORO, TENN.
(11-2-0)
S. 7 TENNESSEE ST.*@
S. 21 EASTERN KY.*
S. 28 MURRAY ST.+*
O. 5 WESTERN KY.*
O. 12 AUSTIN PEAY
O. 19 FLORIDA ST.
O. 26 SE MISSOURI+
N. 2 TENN.-MARTIN+
N. 9 CINCINNATI
N. 16 MOREHEAD ST.
N. 23 TENNESSEE TECH
@ VANDERBILT STADIUM

MONTANA
MISSOULA, MONT.
(7-4-0)
S. 7 HUMBOLDT ST.+
S. 14 LA. TECH*
S. 21 MCNEESE ST.*
S. 28 IDAHO ST.+
O. 5 EASTERN WASH.
O. 12 BOISE ST.+
O. 19 WEBER ST.+
O. 26 NORTHERN ARIZ.*
N. 2 MONTANA ST.
N. 9 NEVADA+
N. 16 IDAHO

MONTANA STATE
BOZEMAN, MONT.
(4-7-0)
A. 31 MINN.-DULUTH+
S. 7 SAM HOUSTON ST.+
S. 14 SACRAMENTO ST.+
S. 21 IDAHO+
S. 28 NEVADA
O. 5 WEBER ST.+
O. 12 NORTHERN ARIZ.*
O. 26 IDAHO ST.*
N. 2 MONTANA+
N. 9 BOISE ST.
N. 16 EASTERN WASH.+

MOREHEAD STATE
MOREHEAD, KY.
(5-6-0)
S. 7 SAMFORD*
S. 14 MARSHALL*
S. 21 WESTERN KY.*
S. 28 TENN.-MARTIN+*
O. 5 LIBERTY+
O. 19 MURRAY ST.*
O. 26 TENNESSEE TECH+
N. 2 AUSTIN PEAY+
N. 9 SE MISSOURI ST.
N. 16 MIDDLE TENN.+
N. 23 EASTERN KY.

MURRAY STATE
MURRAY, KY.
(2-9-0)
S. 7 SOUTHERN ILL.+*
S. 14 WESTERN KY.*
S. 21 EASTERN ILL.+*
S. 28 MIDDLE TENN.*
O. 5 TENNESSEE ST.
O. 12 TENN.-MARTIN+
O. 19 MOREHEAD ST.+*
N. 2 TENNESSEE TECH
N. 9 EASTERN KY.+
N. 16 SE MISSOURI+
N. 23 AUSTIN PEAY

NAVY
ANNAPOLIS, MD.
(5-6-0)
S. 7 BALL ST.+
S. 14 VIRGINIA
S. 21 WILLIAM & MARY+
S. 28 BOWLING GREEN+
O. 12 AIR FORCE+
O. 19 TEMPLE
O. 26 DELAWARE+
N. 2 NOTRE DAME
N. 9 TULANE*
N. 23 WAKE FOREST+
D. 7 ARMY+@
@ PHILADELPHIA, PA.

NEVADA-LAS VEGAS
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
(4-7-0)
S. 7 NEVADA
S. 14 OREGON ST.+
S. 21 NEW MEXICO*
S. 28 WASHINGTON ST.+
O. 5 LONG BEACH ST.+
O. 12 FULLERTON ST.
O. 26 FRESNO ST.*
N. 2 SAN JOSE ST.*
N. 9 UTAH STATE+
N. 16 NEW MEXICO ST.
N. 23 PACIFIC+

NEVADA
RENO, NEVADA
(10-1-0)
S. 7 NEV.-LAS VEGAS+
S. 14 NW LOUISIANA+
S. 21 NORTH TEXAS+
S. 28 MONTANA ST.+
O. 5 IDAHO
O. 12 IDAHO ST.+
O. 19 EASTERN WASH.
O. 26 BOISE ST.+
N. 2 WEBER ST.+
N. 9 MONTANA
N. 16 NORTHERN ARIZ.*

NEW HAMPSHIRE
DURHAM, N.H.
(7-3-1)
S. 7 MARSHALL*
S. 14 CONNECTICUT+
S. 21 HOFSTRA+
S. 28 MAINE+
O. 5 DELAWARE
O. 12 RICHMOND+
O. 26 NORTHEASTERN
N. 2 BOSTON+
N. 9 VILLANOVA
N. 16 RHODE ISLAND+
N. 23 MASSACHUSETTS

NEW MEXICO STATE
LAS CRUCES, N.M.
(1-10-0)
S. 14 TEXAS-EL PASO+*
S. 21 KANSAS
S. 28 NEW MEXICO*
O. 5 OREGON
O. 12 SAN JOSE ST.+*
O. 19 FRESNO ST.+
O. 26 PACIFIC
N. 2 FULLERTON ST.
N. 9 LONG BEACH ST.+*
N. 16 NEV.-LAS VEGAS+
N. 23 UTAH STATE+

NORTH DAKOTA
GRAND FORK, N.D.
(7-3-0)
S. 14 MOORHEAD ST.+
S. 21 S. DAKOTA ST.+
S. 28 SOUTH DAKOTA
O. 5 MORNINGSIDE+
O. 12 AUGUSTANA
O. 19 ST. CLOUD ST.+
O. 26 MANKATO ST.
N. 2 NORTHERN COLO.+
N. 9 NEBRASKA-OMAHA
N. 16 N. DAKOTA ST.

NORTH TEXAS
DENTON, TEXAS
(6-5-0)
S. 7 ABILENE CHRIST.+*
S. 14 OKLAHOMA
S. 21 NEVADA
S. 28 SW MISSOURI ST.+*
O. 12 NW LOUISIANA*
O. 19 S.F. AUSTIN+*
O. 26 S. HOUSTON ST.+*
N. 2 McNEESE ST.*
N. 9 NICHOLLS ST.*
N. 16 SW TEXAS ST.+
N. 23 NE LOUISIANA*

NE LOUISIANA
MONROE, LA.
(7-5-0)
A. 31 SW LOUISANA*
S. 7 NICHOLLS ST.+*
S. 14 GA. SOUTHERN+*
S. 28 MISSISSIPPI COL.+*
O. 5 SW TEXAS*
O. 12 McNEESE ST.+*
O. 19 SAM HOUSTON ST.
O. 26 NW LOUISIANA*
N. 2 LA. TECH*
N. 16 S.F. AUSTIN
N. 23 NORTH TEXAS+*

NORTHERN ARIZONA
FLAGSTAFF, ARIZ.
(5-6-0)
A. 31 EAST. NEW MEX.+*
S. 7 N.M. HIGHLANDS+*
S. 14 WEBER ST.*
S. 28 AKRON
O. 5 IDAHO ST.*
O. 12 MONTANA ST.+*
O. 19 BOISE ST.*
O. 26 MONTANA+*
N. 2 EASTERN WASH.
N. 9 IDAHO+*
N. 16 NEVADA+*

NORTHERN ILLINOIS
DEKALB, ILL.
(6-5-0)
S. 7 FRESNO ST.*
S. 14 ARKANSAS ST.+*
S. 21 KANSAS ST.*
S. 28 IOWA
O. 5 LA. TECH+*
O. 12 WESTERN MICH.+
O. 19 FLORIDA
O. 26 AKRON
N. 2 SW LOUISIANA+
N. 16 ILLINOIS ST.+
N. 23 TOLEDO*

NORTHERN IOWA
CEDAR FALLS, IOWA
(8-4-0)
S. 7 McNEESE ST.+
S. 14 AUGUSTANA+*
S. 21 SOUTHERN ILL.
S. 28 IDAHO*
O. 5 MORGAN ST.+
O. 12 ILLINOIS ST.
O. 26 WESTERN KY.*
N. 2 SW MISSOURI ST.
N. 9 INDIANA ST.+*
N. 16 WESTERN ILL.
N. 23 EASTERN ILL.+

NW LOUISIANA
NATCHITOCHES, LA.
(5-6-0)
S. 7 ARKANSAS ST.*
S. 14 NEVADA
S. 21 TEXAS-EL PASO*
S. 28 EAST TEXAS ST.+*
O. 12 NORTH TEXAS+*
O. 19 McNEESE ST.+*
O. 26 NE LOUISIANA+*
N. 2 SW TEXAS
N. 9 SAM HOUSTON ST.*
N. 16 NICHOLLS ST.*
N. 23 S.F. AUSTIN+*

NOTRE DAME
NOTRE DAME, IND.
(9-3-0)
S. 7 INDIANA+
S. 14 MICHIGAN
S. 21 MICHIGAN ST.+
S. 28 PURDUE
O. 5 STANFORD
O. 12 PITTSBURGH+
O. 19 AIR FORCE
O. 26 SOUTHERN CAL+
N. 2 NAVY+
N. 9 TENNESSEE+
N. 16 PENN STATE
N. 30 HAWAII

OHIO
ATHENS, OHIO
(1-9-1)
A. 31 CENTRAL MICH.+
S. 14 TENNESSEE TECH+
S. 21 MISSISSIPPI*
S. 28 WESTERN MICH.
O. 5 TOLEDO*
O. 12 BOWLING GREEN+
O. 19 MIAMI, OH.
O. 26 KENT+
N. 2 BALL STATE
N. 9 EASTERN MICH.+
N. 23 TULSA

PACIFIC
STOCKTON, CALIF.
(4-7-0)
A. 31 SACRAMENTO ST.+*
S. 7 CALIFORNIA
S. 14 SAN DIEGO ST.*
S. 21 HAWAII*
O. 5 FULLERTON ST.+
O. 12 SAN LUIS OBISPO+
O. 19 SAN JOSE ST.*
O. 26 NEW MEXICO ST.+
N. 2 LONG BEACH ST.*
N. 9 FRESNO ST.+
N. 16 UTAH STATE
N. 23 NEV.-LAS VEGAS

PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
(3-7-0)
S. 21 DARTMOUTH+
S. 28 HOLY CROSS
O. 5 LAFAYETTE+
O. 12 COLUMBIA
O. 19 LEHIGH
O. 26 BROWN+
N. 2 YALE
N. 9 PRINCETON+
N. 16 HARVARD
N. 23 CORNELL+

PENN STATE
UNIVERSITY PARK, PA.
(9-3-0)
A. 28 GEORGIA TECH*@
S. 7 CINCINNATI+
S. 14 SOUTHERN CAL*
S. 21 BYU+
S. 28 BOSTON COLLEGE+
O. 5 TEMPLE*
O. 12 MIAMI, FLA.
O. 19 RUTGERS+
O. 26 WEST VIRGINIA+
N. 9 MARYLAND
N. 16 NOTRE DAME+
N. 28 PITTSBURGH
@ EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.

PRINCETON
PRINCETON, N.J.
(3-7-0)
S. 21 CORNELL+
S. 28 FORDHAM+
O. 5 COLGATE+
O. 12 BROWN
O. 19 BUCKNELL+
O. 26 HARVARD
N. 2 COLUMBIA+
N. 9 PENNSYLVANIA
N. 16 YALE+
N. 23 DARTMOUTH

RHODE ISLAND
KINGSTON, R.I.
(5-6-0)
S. 14 RICHMOND
S. 21 DELAWARE+
S. 28 TOWSON ST.
O. 5 BROWN
O. 12 MASSACHUSETTS
O. 19 MAINE+
O. 26 BOSTON
N. 2 VILLANOVA+
N. 9 NORTHEASTERN+
N. 16 NEW HAMPSHIRE
N. 23 CONNECTICUT+

RICHMOND
RICHMOND, VA.
(1-10-0)
S. 14 RHODE ISLAND+
S. 21 VILLANOVA+
S. 28 VMI+
O. 5 MAINE
O. 12 NEW HAMPSHIRE
O. 19 BOSTON+
O. 26 JAMES MADISON
N. 2 CONNECTICUT+
N. 9 MASSACHUSETTS
N. 16 DELAWARE
N. 23 WILLIAM & MARY

SAN JOSE STATE
SAN JOSE, CALIF.
(9-2-1)
S. 7 FLORIDA
S. 14 MINNESOTA*
S. 21 LONG BEACH ST.*
S. 28 UTAH STATE
O. 12 NEW MEXICO ST.*
O. 19 PACIFIC+*
O. 26 CALIFORNIA
N. 2 NEV.-LAS VEGAS+*
N. 9 FULLERTON ST.+*
N. 16 HAWAII+
N. 23 FRESNO STATE*

SLIPPERY ROCK
SLIPPERY ROCK, PA.
(4-6-1)
S. 7 NORTHWOOD+
S. 21 FAIRMONT ST.
S. 28 LOCKHAVEN+
O. 5 CHIPPENSBURG
O. 12 CALIFORNIA, PA.+
O. 19 MANSFIELD+
O. 26 INDIANA, PA.
N. 2 EDINBOROUGH+
N. 9 CLARION
N. 16 YOUNGSTOWN ST.

SOUTH CAROLINA
COLUMBIA, S.C.
(6-5-0)
S. 7 DUKE+*
S. 14 WEST VIRGINIA
S. 21 VIRGINIA TECH+*
S. 28 EAST CAROLINA
O. 5 EAST TENN. ST.+
O. 12 LA. TECH+
O. 19 GEORGIA TECH+
N. 2 N.C. STATE+
N. 9 FLORIDA ST.
N. 16 NORTH CARO.
N. 23 CLEMSON+

SOUTH DAKOTA
VERMILLION, S.D.
(4-7-0)
S. 14 S. DAKOTA ST.+
S. 21 MORNINGSIDE
S. 28 NORTH DAKOTA+
O. 5 N. DAKOTA ST.
O. 12 S. DAKOTA ST.
O. 19 AUGUSTANA+
O. 26 ST. CLOUD ST.
N. 2 MANKATO ST.+
N. 9 NORTHERN COLO.
N. 16 NEBRASKA-OMAHA+

SOUTHERN ILL.
CARBONDALE, ILL.
(2-9-0)
A. 31 SE MISSOURI ST.@
S. 7 MURRAY ST.*
S. 14 AUSTIN PEAY*
S. 21 NORTHERN IOWA+
S. 28 ILLINOIS ST.+
O. 5 SW MISSOURI ST.+
O. 12 TROY STATE
O. 19 WESTERN ILL.
O. 26 INDIANA ST.
N. 2 EASTERN ILL.+
N. 9 LA. TECH
@ ST. LOUIS, MO.

SOUTHERN MISS.
HATTIESBURG, MISS.
(8-4-0)
A. 31 DELTA ST.+
S. 7 PITTSBURGH
S. 21 COLORADO ST.+
S. 28 LOUISVILLE
O. 5 AUBURN
O. 12 MEMPHIS ST.*
O. 19 TULANE+
O. 26 CINCINNATI
N. 2 TULSA
N. 9 EAST CAROLINA+
N. 16 LA. TECH*

SW LOUISIANA
LAFAYETTE, LA.
(5-6-0)
A. 31 NE LOUISIANA+*
S. 7 CENTRAL MICH.
S. 14 WYOMING
S. 21 ARKANSAS*
S. 28 TEXAS A&M*
O. 5 MIAMI, OH.+*
O. 12 TULSA+*
O. 26 LA. TECH+*
N. 2 NORTHERN ILL.
N. 9 AUBURN
N. 16 ARKANSAS ST.

TENN.-CHATT.
CHATTANOOGA, TENN.
(6-5-0)
A. 31 TENN.-MARTIN+*
S. 7 TENN. TECH+*
S. 21 THE CITADEL+*
S. 28 APPALACHIAN ST.
O. 5 ALABAMA@
O. 19 WESTERN CARO.
O. 26 MARSHALL+*
N. 2 WESTERN KY.+*
N. 9 EAST TENN. ST.*
N. 16 FURMAN
N. 23 VMI+
@ BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

TENNESSEE STATE
NASHVILLE, TENN.
(7-4-0)
A. 31 MISS. VALLEY*@
S. 7 MIDDLE TENN.+*#
S. 14 JACKSON ST.%
S. 21 GRAMBLING+
S. 28 FLORIDA A&M$
O. 5 MURRAY ST.+
O. 19 SE MISSOURI
O. 26 AUSTIN PEAY
N. 2 EASTERN KY.+
N. 9 TENN. TECH+
N. 16 SOUTHERN
@ MEMPHIS, TENN.
VANDERBILT STADIUM
% BIRMINGHAM, AL.
$ ATLANTA, GA.

TENNESSEE TECH
COOKEVILLE, TENN.
(6-5-0)
S. 7 TENN.-CHATT.*
S. 14 OHIO
S. 21 SAMFORD*
S. 28 EASTERN KY.+
O. 5 TENN.-MARTIN
O. 12 SE MISSOURI ST.
O. 19 AUSTIN PEAY+
O. 26 MOREHEAD ST.
N. 2 MURRAY ST.+
N. 9 TENNESSEE ST.
N. 23 MIDDLE TENN.+

TOLEDO
TOLEDO, OHIO
(9-2-0)
S. 7 KANSAS+*
S. 21 WESTERN MICH.
S. 28 CENTRAL MICH.+*
O. 5 OHIO+*
O. 12 WASHINGTON
O. 19 BOWLING GREEN
O. 26 MIAMI, OH.+
N. 2 KENT
N. 9 BALL STATE+
N. 16 EASTERN MICH.*
N. 23 NORTHERN ILL.+*

TULANE
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
(4-7-0)
A. 31 MISSISSIPPI+
S. 7 FLORIDA ST.*
S. 14 MISSISSIPPI ST.*
S. 21 RICE+*
S. 28 SYRACUSE+*
O. 5 SMU+*
O. 12 ALABAMA
O. 19 SOUTHERN MISS
N. 2 EAST CAROLINA
N. 9 NAVY+*
N. 23 LSU+*

TULSA
TULSA, OKLA.
(3-8-0)
A. 31 SW MISSOURI ST.+*
S. 7 OKLAHOMA ST.+*
S. 14 KANSAS
S. 21 TEXAS A&M+*
S. 28 MIAMI, FLA.+
O. 12 SW LOUISIANA*
O. 26 MEMPHIS ST.*
N. 2 SOUTHERN MISS+
N. 16 LOUISVILLE+
N. 23 OHIO+
N. 30 SMU

UTAH STATE
LOGAN, UTAH
(5-5-1)
A. 31 UTAH*
S. 7 NEBRASKA
S. 21 OKLAHOMA
S. 28 SAN JOSE ST.+
O. 4 BYU*
O. 19 FULLERTON ST.+
O. 26 LONG BEACH ST.*
N. 2 FRESNO ST.+
N. 9 NEV.-LAS VEGAS
N. 16 PACIFIC+
N. 23 NEW MEXICO ST.

VILLANOVA
VILLANOVA, PA.
(6-5-0)
S. 7 MAINE
S. 14 BUCKNELL
S. 21 RICHMOND
S. 28 CONNECTICUT+
O. 5 BOSTON+
O. 19 DELAWARE
O. 26 WILLIAM & MARY+
N. 2 RHODE ISLAND
N. 9 NEW HAMPSHIRE+
N. 16 MASSACHUSETTS+
N. 23 FORDHAM

VMI
LEXINGTON, VA.
(4-7-0)
S. 7 EAST TENN. ST.+
S. 14 APPALACHIAN ST.
S. 21 LAFAYETTE+
S. 28 RICHMOND
O. 5 FURMAN+
O. 12 WILLIAM & MARY+
O. 26 THE CITADEL+@
N. 2 VIRGINIA
N. 9 WESTERN CARO.+
N. 16 MARSHALL
N. 23 TENN.-CHATT.
@ NORFOLK, VA.

WEBER STATE
OGDEN, UTAH
(5-6-0)
A. 31 AIR FORCE
S. 7 SOUTHERN UTAH+*
S. 14 NORTHERN ARIZ.+*
S. 28 EASTERN WASH.+*
O. 5 MONTANA ST.
O. 12 IDAHO+*
O. 19 MONTANA
N. 2 NEVADA
N. 9 N.M. HIGHLANDS+
N. 16 BOISE ST.+
N. 23 IDAHO ST.*

WESTERN CAROLINA
CULLOWHEE, N.C.
(3-8-0)
A. 31 GEORGIA
S. 14 WAKE FOREST*
S. 21 EAST TENN. ST.*
S. 28 FURMAN+*
O. 5 THE CITADEL*
O. 12 GA. SOUTHERN
O. 19 TENN.-CHATT.+
O. 26 SAMFORD+
N. 2 MARSHALL
N. 9 VMI
N. 16 APPALACHIAN ST.+

WESTERN ILLINOIS
MACOMB, ILL.
(3-8-0)
S. 7 WASHBURN+*
S. 14 WISCONSIN
S. 21 SAINT AMBROSE+*
S. 28 SAM HOUSTON ST.+
O. 5 EASTERN ILL.*
O. 12 SW MISSOURI ST.+
O. 19 SOUTHERN ILL.+
O. 26 ILLINOIS ST.
N. 2 INDIANA ST.
N. 9 MORGAN ST.
N. 16 NORTHERN IOWA+

WESTERN KENTUCKY
BOWLING GREEN, KY.
(2-8-0)
S. 7 AUSTIN PEAY*
S. 14 MURRAY ST.+*
S. 21 MOREHEAD ST.+*
O. 5 MIDDLE TENN.+*
O. 12 EASTERN KY.*
O. 19 TROY ST.+*
O. 26 NORTHERN IOWA+*
N. 2 TENN.-CHATT.*
N. 9 EASTERN ILL.+
N. 16 INDIANA ST.
N. 23 ILLINOIS ST.

WESTERN MICHIGAN
KALAMAZOO, MICH.
(7-4-0)
S. 7 AKRON+
S. 14 FLORIDA ST.
S. 21 TOLEDO+
S. 28 OHIO+
O. 5 BALL STATE
O. 12 NORTHERN ILL.
O. 19 EASTERN MICH.*
O. 26 BOWLING GREEN+
N. 9 MIAMI, OH.+
N. 16 CENTRAL MICH.
N. 23 KENT+

WILLIAM & MARY
WILLIAMSBURG, VA.
(10-3-0)
S. 7 BOSTON*
S. 14 DELAWARE+
S. 21 NAVY
S. 28 JAMES MADISON+
O. 5 NORTH CARO.
O. 12 VMI
O. 19 CITADEL+
O. 26 VILLANOVA
N. 2 LEHIGH
N. 16 SAMFORD+
N. 23 RICHMOND+

YALE
NEW HAVEN, CONN.
(6-4-0)
S. 21 BROWN+
S. 28 LAFAYETTE
O. 5 CONNECTICUT+
O. 12 COLGATE
O. 19 DARTMOUTH+
O. 26 COLUMBIA
N. 2 PENNSYLVANIA+
N. 9 CORNELL
N. 16 PRINCETON
N. 23 HARVARD+

YOUNGSTOWN ST.
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO
(11-1-0)
S. 7 EDINBORO+*
S. 14 DELAWARE ST.*
S. 21 MORGAN ST.+*
S. 28 NORTHEASTERN+*
O. 5 S.F. AUSTIN
O. 12 AKRON
O. 19 LIBERTY+*
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GEORGE PERLES


CURLEY HALLMAN

Michigan State Coach George Perles enters his ninth year with guarded optimism after seven consecutive seasons of six or more wins (including an 8–3–1 campaign in 1990). Only eight starters return.

Michigan State closed last season with a 17–16 win over Southern California in the John Hancock Bowl and was ranked 16th in the final Associated Press poll. The Spartans were 10th nationally in team rushing (253.9 yards per game) and 17th in rushing defense (113.2).

Perles, who was a tackle at Michigan State, has a 54–36–4 record at his alma mater where he became coach in 1983. In the previous 10 years, he was an assistant coach when the Pittsburgh Steelers won four Super Bowl championships.

Play 1: Hosting state rival Michigan in East Lansing, Michigan State, after quickly scoring a touchdown on its first possession, recovers a Wolverine fumble on the Michigan 45.

(a) Deep pass to flanker running a post pattern.
(b) Fullback up the middle.
(c) Sweep to weak side.

Play 2: Midway in the second quarter, Michigan State has taken a 14–10 lead, but Michigan is starting to gain momentum. It's third and 15 for the Spartans on their 8-yard line.

(a) Draw.
(b) Pass to tight end over the middle.
(c) Tailback off tackle.

Play 3: Late in the third quarter, with the score tied 21–21, Michigan State has just been stopped short of a first down on the Michigan 32. A moderate wind is blowing against the Spartans, who face fourth and one.

(a) Field-goal try.
(b) Line up and attempt to draw Michigan offside.
(c) Quarterback sneak.

Play 4: With 7:15 left in the final period, the score is tied 28–28. Michigan State is in possession on its 35. It's second and 18.

(a) Reverse to the flanker.
(b) Long pass to flanker.
(c) Draw.

Play 5: Following a safety and stalled Michigan drive, the Spartans trail the Wolverines 30–28 and have the ball, with one timeout left, on Michigan's 33. There are 10 seconds to play.

(a) Sideline pass to flanker near the right sideline.
(b) Pass to tight end across the middle 10 yards downfield.
(c) Field-goal try.

Under Coach Hudson "Curley" Hallman, Louisiana State begins a new era in football this season.

Hallman, fresh from a stint as coach at Southern Mississippi, was bequeathed an LSU team that won five games in 1990.

During Hallman's three years at Southern Miss, his teams had a 23–11 record. They won 20 games faster than with any other coach the school ever had. Last year's Golden Eagles received an invitation to play in the All-American Bowl after finishing 8–3 in the regular season and defeating, among others, Alabama, Auburn and Louisville.

A native of Alabama and graduate of Texas A&M, where he was a defensive back, Hallman has participated in 11 bowl games either as a player or coach. He was an assistant coach 18 years before becoming head coach at Southern Miss in 1988.

Play 6: Before a sellout crowd in an early November game against the University of Mississippi in Jackson, Miss., LSU finds itself down 10–0 midway through the first quarter. The Tigers have the ball on their 35 and are in need of momentum. It's third and five.

(a) Screen pass.
(b) Run the option.
(c) Short pass to tight end.

Play 7: After a second-quarter comeback (the score is now 10–10), LSU drives downfield with authority before bogging down on the 12-yard line. It's fourth and one with one minute left to intermission.

(a) Field-goal try.
(b) Quarterback keeper.
(c) Give to tailback behind fullback up the middle.

Play 8: Ole Miss leads 17–10 in the third period, the Rebs' latest touchdown coming as the result of a fumble recovery forced by a blitz. Now the Tigers have the ball on their own 40, first and 10.

(a) Gadget play.
(b) Draw.
(c) Long pass to flanker.

Play 9: With 6:20 left in the final quarter and the score tied at 17–17, LSU is in possession at midfield. It's fourth and one.

(a) Running play.
(b) Punt.

Play 10: Following a last-gasp touchdown with two seconds remaining, LSU is trailing 24–23.

(a) Kick extra point for a tie.
(b) Go for win with two-point conversion.

To find out the plays called by Coach Perles and Coach Hallman, fill out the card on the opposite page and mail it in. You'll receive the answers in the free Crown Royal handbook with complete schedules and synopses on all major college and pro teams. If eight or more of your answers match the coaches', you'll receive a coaching cap from Crown Royal. Send your card to Athlon Sports Communications, 220 25th Avenue North, Nashville, Tenn., 37203. Offer good until August 25, 1991. Void where prohibited by law.

SOUTHERN MISS

Southern Mississippi's Chris Ryals was a boy in a man's body: 6–8, 265 pounds and a starting freshman offensive tackle. "I went to a small high school," says Ryals, from Purvis, Miss., "and we didn't lift weights a whole lot. You can be as big as you want, but if you're not strong, you're in a world of trouble in college football. And I wasn't very strong."

Ryals made that discovery the hard way.

"We were playing Memphis State," he recalls, "and I was up against a guy named Ross. He was listed about 245 pounds. When we broke the huddle and I trotted up to the line on the first play, I couldn't believe my eyes. It looked like the R-O-S-S on the back of his jersey was three feet wide. He was so strong I couldn't handle him.

"I used to look at seniors . . . and think they seemed so much older and wiser than I was. Now, some guys are looking at me like that. I like the role as leader."

"Then the next week, I had to go against Tracy Rocker (Auburn All-American). He whipped me every way possible. Good technique wasn't enough against him. I remember on the bus ride home I told one of my teammates that I felt like going to the weight room as soon as we got back. Those two games taught me what Division I football is all about."

Three years later, Ryals is doing some teaching of his own. He is up to 298 pounds now and pushing for all-star recognition.

Two games in 1990 show just how far Ryals has come.

"We were playing Memphis State," Ryals says, "and on our first drive we went 65 yards for a touchdown in nine plays. All nine plays went over my side. Every play, I was getting pumped up more and more. I knew I could handle the guy in front of me, and it was just so much fun."

Three weeks later, Southern Miss upset Auburn 13–12. Ryals was again faced with a Rocker: Tracy's younger brother, David, also an All-American.

"I think (he) had one assist the whole game," Ryals says. "I felt so much better, so much more confident, than I did my first year.

"I did well against Rocker. I blocked George Thornton of Alabama. I want to tell you he was a load and he didn't get a sack against me. Neither did Mo Lewis of Georgia. All those guys can play. But I learned my lessons well that first year."

As a senior, Ryals will try and pass his knowledge on to younger teammates. His approach, however, may be different than at least one former teammate.

"My freshman year, we were playing Mississippi State," Ryals says. "We had gone ahead of them, and now they were coming back. We needed a drive. So our center, Marty Williams, starts yelling at us in the huddle. And then he just reaches up and slaps me upside the helmet. It got our attention; it certainly got mine.

"I used to look at seniors like Marty and think they seemed so much older and wiser than I was. Now, some guys are looking at me like that. I like the role as leader, and I'll do whatever it takes to get a point across to the younger players. I'm not saying I'm going to hit them every time, but if it takes something like that to get everybody fired up, I can see myself doing it."

Ryals' first love was basketball.

"I went to a Southern Miss basketball camp when I was in the fifth grade, and that became my dream: to play college basketball," he says. "But by the time I was in the 11th grade, I weighed 260 pounds, and I figured I either had to lose 40 pounds or stick to football."

Ryals also had scholarship offers from Mississippi State, Ole Miss, Alabama and Tennessee. His decision wasn't a hard one.

"I grew up 15 miles from the Southern Miss campus," he says. "I missed maybe five or six home football games my whole life. I think Notre Dame could've come down here and offered me a scholarship, and I probably would've still gone to Southern.

The sight of an oncoming sack artist is what Ryals Chris; and at 6–8, 298 pounds, that's a lot of anger.





For all intents, Tony Smith (105.9 all-purpose yards a game) gets the job done.

"That's how I was raised: to love Southern and to hate Ole Miss and State. To this day, I can see a student walking across campus with a State T-shirt on, and it burns me up. I get fired up when I see that."

During Ryals' past three seasons at Southern Miss, the Golden Eagles have averaged eight wins and gone to two bowls. They were 8–4 in 1990, despite playing only three home games, and beat Alabama and Auburn on the road. Ryals' expectations for the 1991 season are high.

"We look at the schedule and see no reason we can't go 11–0," Ryals says. "I know every team in America says that stuff, but we really think we can do it."

Ryals credits part of his enthusiasm to new Coach Jeff Bower, who was hired when Curley Hallman went to LSU. Bower, 37, quarterbacked Southern Miss in the mid-1970s and also served as offensive coordinator and quarterback coach under Hallman at Southern Miss for two seasons. He was offensive coordinator at Oklahoma State in 1990.

Bower's era has already begun. Hallman had already accepted the LSU position, and Bower coached Southern Miss in last December's All-American Bowl, a loss to North Carolina State.

"Coach Hallman did a great job, but he was primarily a defensive coach most of his career, so he was defense-oriented," Ryals says. "Last year our offense was sort of conservative, but we remember how it was when Coach Bower was here. He'll be wide-open."

Ryals is one of three returning senior starters on the offensive line. Chafan Marsh (6–0, 275) and Lehman Braley (6–5, 258) are the guards. Senior Pat Henderson (6–5, 270) and sophomore Carey Moorer (6–4, 255) are experienced and should battle for the tackle position opposite Ryals. Chris LaCoste (6–3, 254), a senior, is the leading candidate to replace John Camacho at center.

■ SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

Running backs and receivers have experience. Senior Roland Johnson and junior Dwayne Nelson combined for 554 yards a year ago. Senior tailback Tony Smith, who is also an excellent kick returner, led the Golden Eagles with 657 yards and four touchdowns.

Senior wide receiver Ron Baham had 18 receptions for 216 yards, third-highest on the team. Sophomore Mark Montgomery caught 15 passes for 200 yards. Junior tight end Marcus Pope had 11 receptions for 108 yards in a reserve role. Senior Eric Williams had 10 catches for 78 yards.

The big question is: Who will replace Brett Favre at quarterback? Favre holds career records for completions (613), touchdown passes (52), yards (7,695) and total offense (7,606). He threw for more than 1000 yards four consecutive seasons.

The Golden Eagles will have to do it the hard way. Only four home games are on the schedule.

The most experienced candidate is sophomore John Whitcomb, who filled in early last year when Favre was recovering from an automobile accident.

Defensively, six starters return. But the unit has experience, thanks to Hallman's system of using many players.

Senior Gerald Blake (6–2, 202) and junior James Singleton (6–3, 215) are returning starters at end. Blake had four sacks. Singleton's 28 tackles were seventh-best on the team. Senior Rod Reed (6–1, 228) provides depth.

Seniors Pete Antoniou (6–2, 265) and Kendrick Collins (6–1, 260) are the tackles. They will be pushed by senior Donell Brannon, a 6–4, 280-pound pass-rush whiz who had a team-high six sacks in 1990. Junior Tim Miller (6–1, 235) is the nose guard.

Senior inside linebackers Rod Lynch (5–9, 227) and Arnie Williams (6–2, 220) return after leading the team in tackles a year ago. Senior Thad McDowell (6–2, 228), fifth in tackles, adds quality depth.

Seniors Brian Wood and Gabe Peck are the safeties. Senior Derrick Hoskins should figure in, too. Senior John Nichols is the most experienced cornerback.

Senior Jim Taylor, who made 15 of 26 field-goal attempts, including two of more than 50 yards, returns. So does senior punter Scott Bryant, who averaged 38.6 yards.

Once again the Golden Eagles will have to do it the hard way. Only four home games are on the schedule. Auburn, Pittsburgh and Louisville will be met on the road. ■

Florida Gets Four Places

by Bill Buchalter

When Tommie Frazier (6–0, 185) takes the field, opposing coaches must defend against his versatility. He runs, he passes, he returns kicks for Coach Joe Kinnan's Manatee High School team of Bradenton, Fla., which averaged 38 points per game last year.

Rodney Hudson (6–2, 195) has been an all-state candidate for La Grange, Ga., ever since he broke into the lineup as a sophomore. Many have compared him to Georgia high school legend Charlie Ward. In two years, Hudson has passed for 3,979 yards and rushed for another 1000 for La Grange's storied program.

Frazier and Hudson are two of the most-sought-after quarterbacks in the country and lead the 1991 *Athlon* Elite Eleven, the top high school prospects in the Southeastern states. And they represent perhaps its strongest position. This is especially true in Florida, which traditionally produces the most athletes in the region.

Frazier was the lone junior on *The Orlando Sentinel*'s All-Southern team from Florida. He ran and passed for 2,700 yards and accounted for two dozen touchdowns for Florida's finest program.

Defensive lineman Kendrick Burton (6–6, 265) of Hartselle, Ala., emerged as his state's top prospect after recording 70 tackles and 18 sacks.

Linebacker Henri Crockett (6–3, 235) of Pompano Beach (Fla.) Ely has bloodlines and ability. He was the sixth man on one of the state's top basketball teams as a sophomore and was everywhere on defense at linebacker the past two years. His brother, Zac, was one of the state's top fullback prospects two years ago and currently is attending a Mississippi junior college.

Two-way lineman Marcus Long (6–5, 265) of Daytona Beach Mainland is emerging not only as Florida's best blocker but also with talent to play defensively. He earned a spot on *The Orlando Sentinel*'s strongest All-Central Florida team in memory.

Tight end David LaFleur (6–6, 250) of Lake Charles (La.) Westlake caught 34 passes for 697 yards, an average of 20.5 yards per catch, earning a spot on the coaches' all-state team.

Remember the name: Tamarick Vanover (6–1, 190). It's unusual, but then so is this talent from Tallahassee (Fla.) Leon. Vanover played receiver, cornerback and running back, accounting for 21 touchdowns rushing, receiving and returning.

Southeastern High School Elite Eleven

Top prospects in the nine-state conference area:

Kendrick Burton, DL, 6–6, 265, Hartselle, Ala.
Henri Crockett, LB, 6–3, 235, Pompano Beach (Fla.) Ely
Tommie Frazier, QB, 6–0, 185, Bradenton (Fla.) Manatee
Rodney Hudson, QB, 6–2, 195, La Grange, Ga.
David LaFleur, TE, 6–6, 250, Lake Charles (La.) Westlake
Marcus Long, TE-DL, 6–5, 265, Daytona Beach (Fla.) Mainland
Will Lyell, OL, 6–5, 235, Brandon, Miss.
Adam Meadows, TE, 6–6, 235, Powder Springs (Ga.) McEachern
Eddie Mosley, DE, 6–6, 235, Memphis (Tenn.) Trezevant
Robert Toomer, RB, 6–1, 190, Sylvester (Ga.) Worth County
Tamarick Vanover, DB, 6–1, 190, Tallahassee (Fla.) Leon

Defensive end Eddie Mosley (6–6, 235) of Memphis (Tenn.) Trezevant continues a tradition of towering defenders from Memphis.

Running back Robert Toomer (6–1, 190) of Sylvester (Ga.) Worth County has rushed for more than 3,500 yards the past two years for one of Georgia's top programs.

Lean and lanky Will Lyell (6–5, 235) was the lone junior on the Mississippi all-state line. Lyell's blocking, savvy and leadership led Brandon to an 11–2 record.

Adam Meadows (6–6, 235) has similar potential for Powder Springs (Ga.) McEachern. He's Georgia's top tight end.

A state-by-state breakdown:

ALABAMA

Last year, the position was linebacker; this time it's linemen. Burton may be the best, but the big Hartselle tackle is complemented by the likes of Phillip Jackson (6–4, 245) of Plainview, Jeremy Pennington (6–3, 265) of Vernon Lamar County, Jason Mullins (6–2, 270) of Dothan Northview, Arthur Brown (6–3, 245) of Montgomery G.W. Carver, Steve Miles (6–4, 235) of Parrish and Scott Sharp (6–4, 275) of Huntsville Lee.

ARKANSAS

One of two new states in the Southeastern Conference, Arkansas features two of the best quarterback prospects. Barry Lunney Jr. (6–2, 180) of Fort Smith Southside is a two-year member of the state's super team and passed for 1,289 yards as a junior. Mike Cherry (6–5, 193) of Texarkana is listed as an all-star punter, where he averaged more than 40 yards, but he's more of a standout at quarterback, where he took his team to the playoffs.

FLORIDA

At least a half-dozen Sunshine State quarterbacks will be nationally recruited. Dan Wuerffel (6–3, 190) of Fort Walton Beach, Eric Kresser (6–3, 200) of Palm Beach Gardens, Arrion Smith (6–2, 185) of Apopka, Patrick Sapp (6–4, 230) of Jacksonville Raines and Dan Kanell (6–5, 190) of Fort Lauderdale Westminster Academy join Frazier on the list. Smith is the brother of Miami Dolphin running back Sammie Smith. Sapp scored the winning basket to lead Raines to Florida's Class AAA boys basketball tournament championship.

GEORGIA

Hudson, Toomer and Meadows are perhaps the cream of the crop, but there are lots more peaches to pick. Joining Hudson at quarterback is Johnny Taylor (6–1, 190) of Waycross Ware County. Others to watch are defensive back Lamont Johnson (6–0, 175) of Athens Clarke Central; running back Tony White (6–0, 180) of Austell South Cobb, who rushed for 1,602 yards and 15 TDs; receivers Mike Higgins (6–3, 185) of Carrollton, who earned all-state honors catching more than 70 passes, and Juan Daniels (6–2, 175) of Norcross, who had more than 50 catches and punted for a 45.9-yard average; and linemen Dusty Ziegler (6–6, 245) of Springfield Effingham County, Walter Rouse (6–2, 266) of Cordele Crisp County and Chris Turner (6–3, 255) of Decatur Southwest DeKalb.

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TULANE

Chance Miller's first game as a college fullback was a trip to paradise. Tulane opened the 1989 season at Hawaii.

"We had a team party Friday night right on the ocean," Miller says. "I'm sitting there saying, 'Hey, I think I like this college football stuff.'

"Then, after the party, the coaches told me I was going to start the next day. I couldn't sleep all night. I just thought about how I wanted to do a decent job and make no mental errors so that the coaches wouldn't yell at me.

"I was beginning to feel comfortable. Then they called a trap play to me. I hit the hole, planted my right leg to make a cut to avoid a linebacker and a defender's helmet hit me right on the knee.

"The biggest thing was overcoming the injury in my mind. When I went back to practice, I was wearing a brace that an 18-wheeler could run over and not crack."

"It didn't really hurt. I got up and walked back to the huddle. Usually, I can shake things off in a play or two, but my knee felt weak. I was just hoping the next play wasn't to me. But it was. They called a sweep left to me, and I managed to get 5 yards. But when I was tackled, I knew something was wrong. My knee was sort of wobbling."

Miller didn't want to get carried off the field by trainers, so he hobbled over to the sideline.

"I told the team doctor that something was wrong. He did that test where he moves my knee from side to side, and out of the corner of my eye, I saw him shaking his head. I figured I was out for the rest of the game, no big deal. But he came back and said I'd be out for the season. I couldn't believe it. I was devastated."

Many things went through Miller's mind on the long flight home.

"I had gained 99 yards (on 18 carries) in my first college game," he says. "I was excited about that. I figured I would've done OK the rest of the year, too. Now I thought I might not even play football again. I thought my knee might never get well."

Miller was wrong. In fact, seven weeks after having a torn ligament repaired, he rushed for 106 yards against Memphis State.

"My parents met me at the airport (upon arriving from Hawaii) and took me straight to the hospital," Miller says. "I was rehabilitating the knee four days after surgery.

"The biggest thing was overcoming the injury in my mind. When I went back to practice, I was wearing a brace that an 18-wheeler could run over and not crack. There was pain only when I made a couple of weird moves, but it was nothing I couldn't handle.

"Finally, I got hit on the knee and nothing happened. I was OK after that."

Miller, whose durability was proven during his redshirt freshman season when he once participated in 70 consecutive plays during a practice scrimmage, finished the '89 season with 332 yards on 76 carries.

Last season, as a sophomore, Miller proved he had completely recovered. He accounted for 47 percent of Tulane's rushing yards by running for a team-high 805 yards on 190 carries and scoring four touchdowns.

Tulane needs the same type of production from Miller again this year if it's to improve on back-to-back four-win seasons.

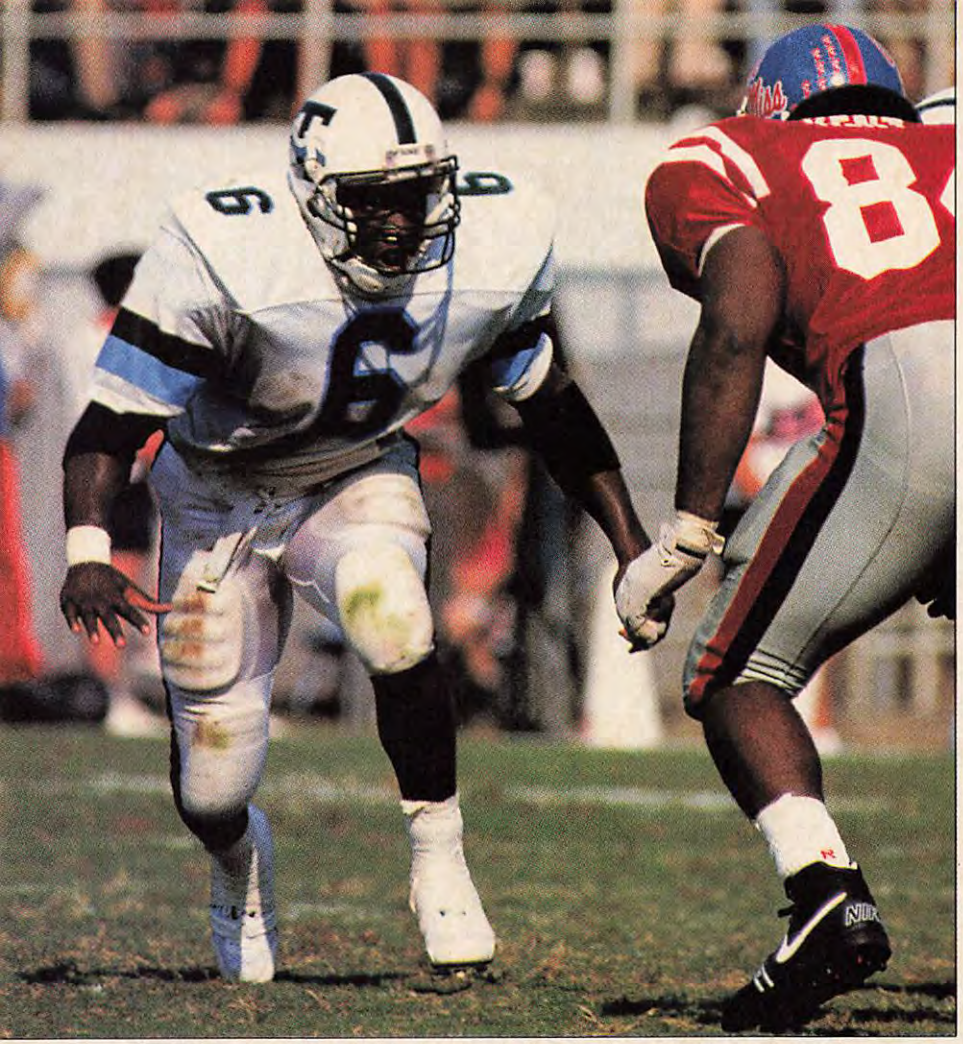
"We've been close," Miller says. "I think we were leading in just about every game at halftime last year. I don't think we're out of our league playing teams like Florida State. We just need a couple of plays at the right time."

In Miller, Tulane has the prototype fullback. He is relatively short (5–9) but stocky (190 pounds).

"In our offense, the fullback is responsible for blocking the end on certain pass plays," Miller explains. "Those ends look at me and see this little guy com-

If given a Chance, Miller is going to break loose for valuable yardage; the Tulane fullback did so for 805 yards last year.


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Tailback Terrance Strickland is the other half of the Green Wave's running tandem.

ing at them, and they probably feel pretty good about it. They think they're dealing with a lightweight. But I use my quickness and technique. I do OK. I get off the ball quickly. I get a great jump."

Miller also has recognized a major weakness. "I need to improve my vision when I'm running," he says. "That's something I've worked on, keeping my head up, my eyes open, being aware."

This season, 10 starters return from Coach Greg Davis' team of 1990, five on offense and five on defense.

The backfield is experienced with Miller at fullback and senior Terrance Strickland at tailback. Strickland rushed for 281 yards on 64 carries and caught 33 passes for 313 yards and four touchdowns. He averaged 21.3 yards on 26 kickoff returns.

Miller's backup, junior Harold Dennis, rushed for 358 yards on 71 carries a year ago and adds quality depth.

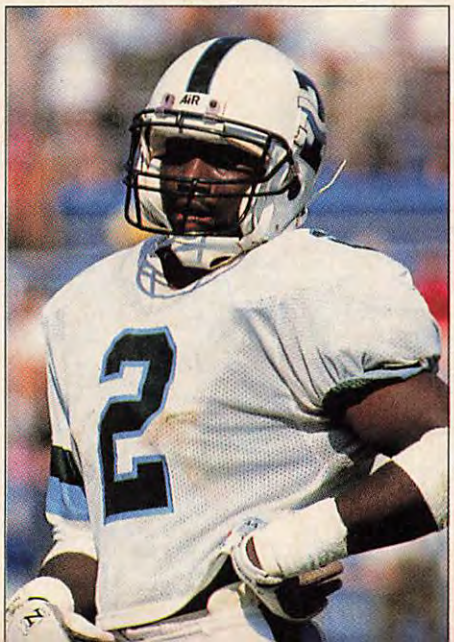
The receiving corps is a talented 1–2 cousin punch. Senior flanker Jerry Ursin caught 44 passes for 548 yards and three touchdowns last season. Sophomore Willie Ursin caught 13 passes for 177 yards and a touchdown as a backup.

The two Ursins will be counted on to take up the slack left by the graduation of Melvin Ferdinand, who led the team with 57 catches for 757 yards and eight touchdowns. Beau Harvey (6–2, 254), a sophomore, will step in at tight end.

The question: Who will be the Green Wave quarterback? Deron Smith, who threw for 2,282 yards and 19 touchdowns last season as a senior, is gone. And Smith's backup, Benny Valentine, transferred.

The candidates are sophomore Billy Duncan and senior Jerome Woods. Duncan

Jerry led the Ursins in receiving.



quarterbacked John Curtis Christian School in New Orleans to two state high school championships and rates as a threat both running and throwing. Woods, backup quarterback in 1989, returns after playing outside linebacker in 1990.

Whoever the quarterback is, he will be operating behind a relatively inexperienced line.

Only two starters return: seniors Charles Herrman (6–3, 240) at center and Sam Atkins (6–4, 288) at right tackle. Sophomore Brant Byrd (6–3, 240) is at left tackle. Byrd will play alongside sophomore Reggie Davis (6–0, 305), who is at left guard. Senior Brian Estep (6–3, 254) is at the other guard.

Byrd, Davis and backup tackle Vernon Ernst (6–5, 259) were second-teamers at the end of last season.

Offensively, Tulane averaged 368.9 yards, 23 more than its opponents, outscored rivals 153–101 in the first half and had a plus-six total in turnover ratio.

Defensively, the Green Wave had trouble in the second half. Opponents outscored Tulane 68–30 in the third quarter and 84–54 in the fourth.

More defensive trouble could be brewing. Seniors Ronnie Clement (6–3, 274) and Kevin Jantschek (6–1, 259) are at tackle; sophomore Michael Batiste (6–3, 294) will be the right end. Clement made 45 tackles and broke up four passes. Batiste had 31 tackles. Junior end Darren McGowan (6–4, 235) had 32 tackles as a sophomore.

The inside linebackers will be inexperienced except for seniors Ray Benford (6–2, 238) and Roscoe Davis (6–2, 229). Redshirt freshman Shad Green (6–2, 226), sophomore Shane Wiegand (6–0, 217) and junior Mark Martinez (6–2, 235) are among the candidates.

Outside linebackers include redshirt freshmen Seth Krummrich (6–2, 215), Michael Smartt (6–1, 193) and Marcos Vela (6–2, 211), and sophomore Ruffin Hamilton (6–1, 212).

Junior Rod McDowell and sophomore Brandon Hamilton are the cornerbacks. McDowell was fifth on the team with 64 tackles and first in interceptions with three.

Junior Mark Thornhill is at free safety. He was fourth on the team in tackles last season with 70 and led the team with 10 pass deflections. Other safety candidates are sophomore Willie Smith and redshirt freshmen Todd Persicketti and Mike Staid.

Both kicking specialists return. Junior Gary Butler was seven of 12 on field-goal attempts and 26 of 28 on PATs. Distance is Butler's problem. He made only two of nine outside 30 yards, and his longest successful kick was from 43 yards.

Sophomore punter Chip Clark averaged 38.1 yards on 52 kicks last season, with a long one of 71 yards. ■

Code of Conduct Is In

Dancing, Taunting Are Out

by Fred Russell

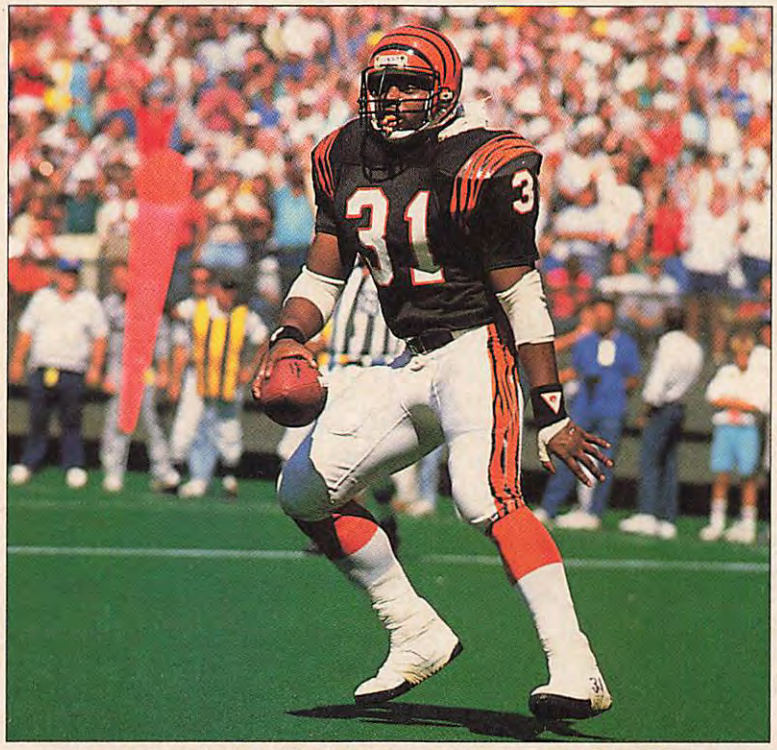
Those football folk who think boorishness on the playing field may decrease during the 1991 season await eagerly the opening games. There should be early indications whether:

1. Coaches can and will influence the behavior of their players.
2. Game officials will enforce the rules governing conduct.

"The NCAA football rules committee considers unsportsmanlike acts to be the game's No. 1 problem," says its secretary-rules editor, David Nelson.

In messages Nelson was instructed to send to the American Football Coaches Association and to officiating organizations a few weeks ago, he wrote:

"Because of the perception that player conduct is out of control during some college football games, a negative image is developing. Perception many times is more damaging than reality, but whichever . . . the game has a problem. It is obvious that the coaches are the key to solving this."



College and pro football will crack down on antics like the "Ickey Shuffle."

Nelson pointed out that player conduct may have reached its lowest point during the past year, as far as opponents provoking ill will.

It is public record that the University of Miami, during its 46–3 drubbing of the University of Texas in the 1991 Mobil Cotton Bowl game, set a record of 202 yards in penalties, most of them for unsportsmanlike conduct.

A critical column by sports editor Edwin Pope of *The Miami Herald,* on the front page of the newspaper, stung University of Miami officials. Dr. Don Beck, director of the National Values Center in Denton, Texas, condemned the Hurricanes' action in an article he wrote for *The Dallas Morning News,* which concluded ". . . it's time to decide whether values and ethics should play any role in sports. If not, let's at least end the hypocrisy."

Throughout college and professional football in recent years there have been numerous instances of players taunting opponents. The sight of a tackler sacking a quarterback, then arising and waving his fists, even incites some spectators.

"Such actions are detrimental to the game," Nelson says. "When the image of the game is at stake, the rules committee turns to the coaches. This was done when the 'sucker shift,' feigning injuries, illegal head blocking, disconcerting defensive signals, tear-away jerseys, hideout plays and other acts brought discredit to the game."

Nelson believes the present problem began in 1969 with spiking and throwing the ball in the air after scoring. It has spread to pass receivers taking bows—most boring—after routine catches. And, of course, the countless number of players dancing and prancing in the end zone after making touchdowns.

Best admonition I ever heard for such excessive jubilance was from the late Bear Bryant: "If you think it's the only touchdown you'll ever score and you feel you did it all alone, go ahead and celebrate."

National Football League Commissioner Paul Tagliabue has announced that planned antics like Cincinnati Bengals fullback Ickey Woods' post-touchdown demonstration, known as the "Ickey Shuffle," will result in a $10,000 fine this season. Tagliabue is determined to end what he calls "demonstration football."

College football cannot impose fines, but Nelson emphasizes that game officials are empowered to enforce its rules strictly for violations that demean the sport.

"Our rules committee has no intent of discouraging enthusiasm on the field," Nelson says. "To the contrary, we encourage it. However, actions that harass, molest, mock, badger or torment an opponent, official or spectator must be penalized."

Maybe it isn't too late to try to update the true meaning of sportsmanship. A large majority of today's competitors do not extend their aggressiveness into gloating in victory. And most of them do not labor under the mistaken idea that the harder a defeat is accepted, the braver and bolder they've shown themselves to be.

Sportsmanship doesn't mean softness, timidity or a diminished will to win. It means a sense of fairness. There's no more red-blooded, vigorous, honorable word in the language. ■

NOTRE DAME

It's only a memory now. Less than a minute left and Colorado leading Notre Dame 10–9 in the Orange Bowl. The Buffs' Tom Rouen punts to Raghib Ismail. Why? Who knows? And the Rocket, going thisaway and thataway, returns it 91 yards for the winning touchdown.

Except, wait: There's a flag on the 36. A clip by Notre Dame's Greg Davis. It's over. Colorado wins a share of the national championship. Notre Dame slips to 9–3 and sixth place in the polls.

"For some schools, that's great," says junior linebacker Demetrius DuBose, cast in the leadership role for the 1991 Irish. Not for Notre Dame.

"For here," says DuBose, "it's a miss, and a disappointment. But that's what makes this school what it is. The pursuit of excellence. The drive for perfection."

As Ismail so aptly put it upon deciding to forgo his final season, "I feel sorry for anyone who feels sorry for Notre Dame."

Before Colorado, Notre Dame also came up short in a 36–31 shocker to Stanford in game No. 4 and in a 24–21 loss to Penn State in the 10th game. Time now to try anew, to set the sights on the stars again.

"That's always the goal," says tight end Derek Brown of yet another national championship bid. "We want everything to be perfection. Or so close to it that no one knows the difference."

It'll take some doing. There were major losses, large holes to fill.

Starting with the Rocket, who would have gone No. 1 if he hadn't instead soared off to Canada for upwards of $18 million, five standouts off the 1990 Irish went within the first 100 in the NFL draft. Replacing Ismail, the Heisman Trophy runner-up and the college game's most electrifying performer, cornerback Todd Lyght and nose tackle Chris Zorich will be no easy task. Both Lyght and Zorich were two-time consensus All-Americans, as was inside linebacker Michael Stonebreaker. In sum, graduation stripped six starters from the defense and four from the offense.

"Our losses are of gigantic proportions," Coach Lou Holtz says. "When you look at it on paper, it looks like it's going to be a long rebuilding year."

Believe that it'll be long, anyway. With a season-closing game at Hawaii on Nov. 30, the Irish will play 12 regular-season games, starting on Sept. 7 and extending through Nov. 30. By that time, barring total and unexpected disaster, they'll already be booked into somebody's New Year's Day bowl.

For, as Ismail so aptly put it upon deciding to forgo his final season, "I feel sorry for anyone who feels sorry for Notre Dame."

Not that many do, or should.

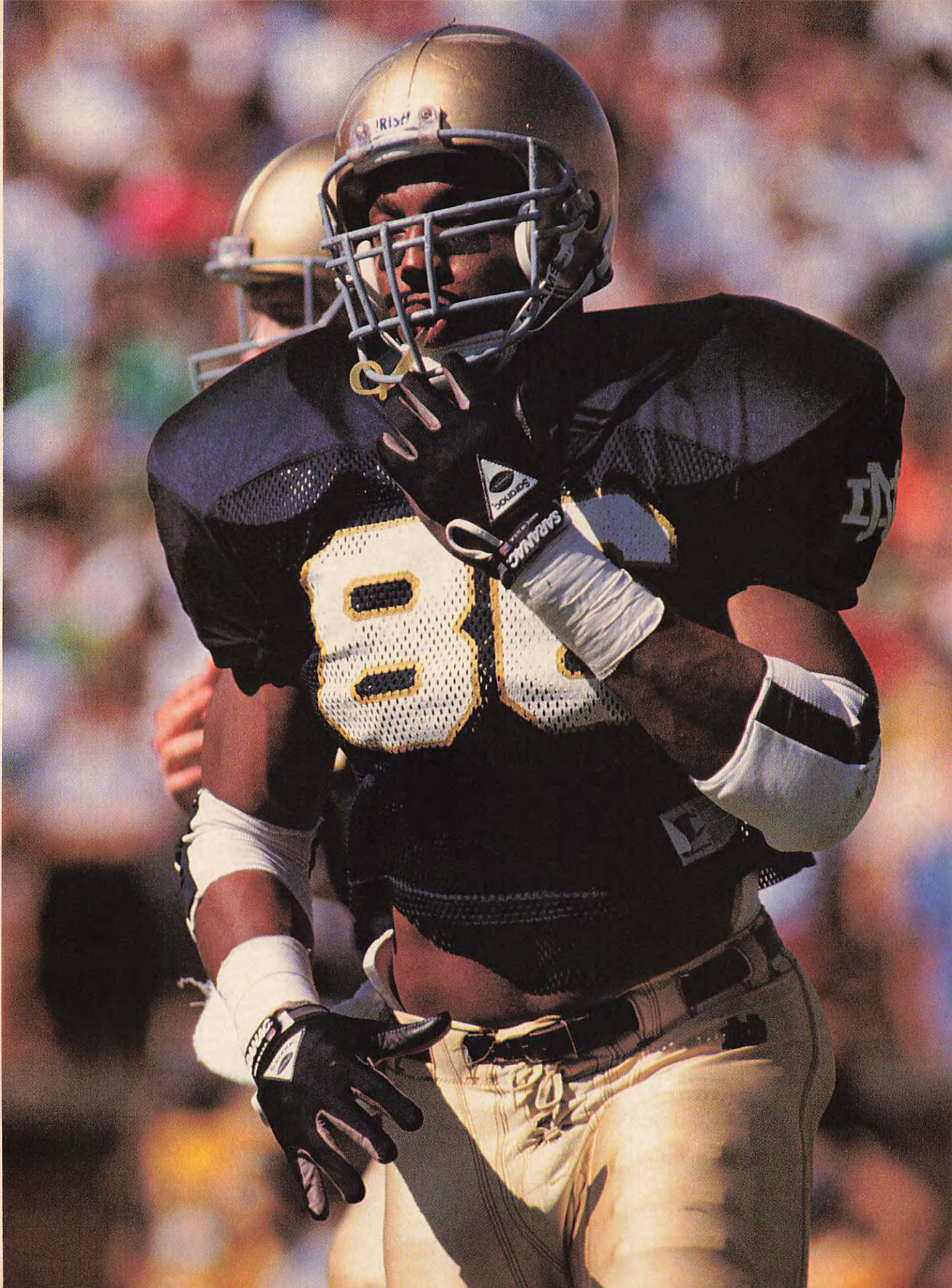
The Irish have gone 46–14 in Holtz's five seasons. The last four years have brought a 41–8 record, a national championship, four straight New Year's Day bowl appearances and, in the midst of it all, a 23-game winning streak. Quarterback Rick Mirer and Brown top the seven offensive starters returning, and DuBose and defensive tackle George Williams head the five returnees on defense. So, despite the losses, there's a familiar bottom line: "We do expect to have a very good team," says Holtz.

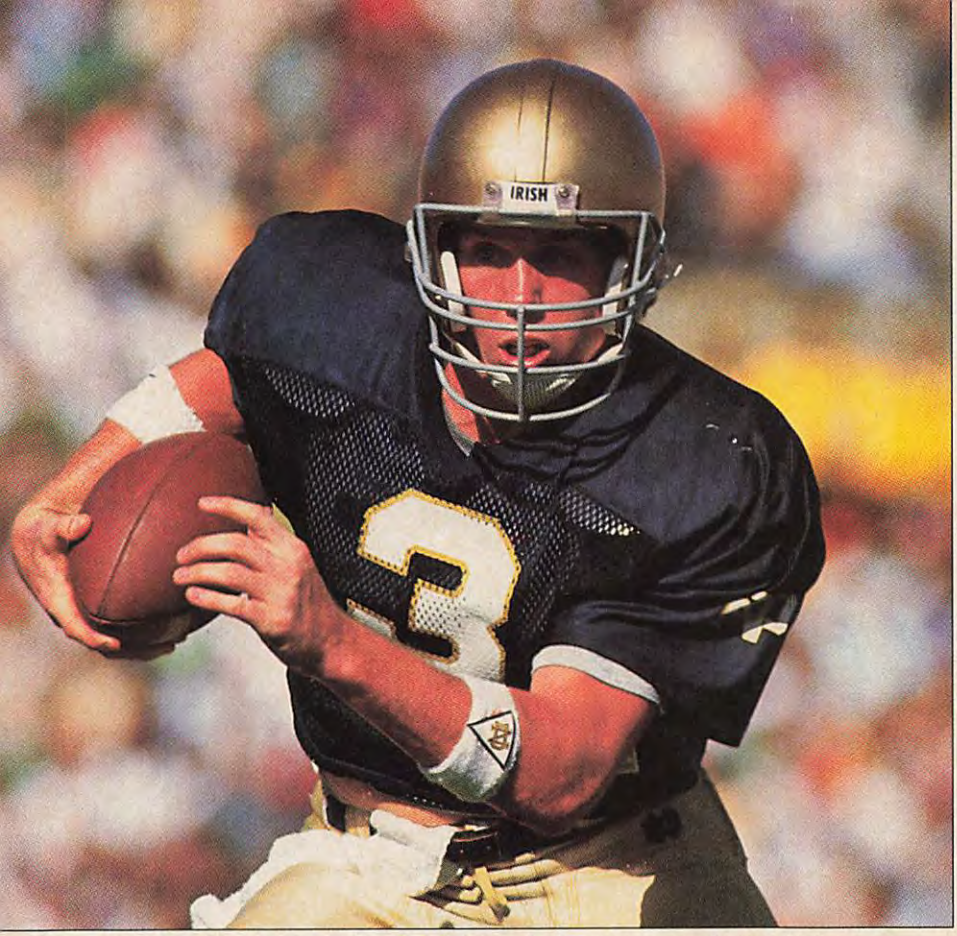
The expectations begin on offense, where the Mirer-to-Brown passing combination looms even larger without Ismail. "With Rocket gone, we need somebody else to pick up the slack," says Brown. "A lot of people think we won't be as successful. They don't realize we have players with talent and ability to take it up."

Brown is hardly a Rocket. But for a man so large, 6–7 and 243 pounds, he's uncommonly fast and has caught 40 passes for 574 yards and four touchdowns in three seasons, all but the first half of his freshman year as a starter. He strives mainly for consistency. "And maybe, now and then, avoiding people instead of trying to run over them all the time," he says.

Brown and returning split end Tony Smith, also a senior, combined for 30 catches for 449 yards and three touchdowns in 1990. Senior running back

Notre Dame tight end Derek Brown and friends must adjust to life without the Rocket, but it could be another banner year.


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Rick Mirer has proved he doesn't belong in the average run of quarterbacks.

Rodney Culver, another returnee, also was a receiving threat with 13 receptions for 145 yards and two touchdowns.

Mirer started every game and posted the biggest numbers for a Notre Dame sophomore quarterback in 25 years. He completed 110 of 200 passes for 1,824 yards and eight touchdowns while being intercepted six times. He rushed for 198 yards and scored six touchdowns.

The most inopportune miss of a Mirer throw came against Stanford when Brown failed to cradle an end-zone reception on the final play. Just two weeks earlier, against Michigan, another Mirer pass bounced off defender Todd Murray's chest and was snagged by Adrian Jarrell, who returns as a junior to contend for the flanker spot vacated by Ismail. Culver busted in from the 1-yard line with 34 seconds left to give the Irish a 28–24 opening-game victory over the Wolverines.

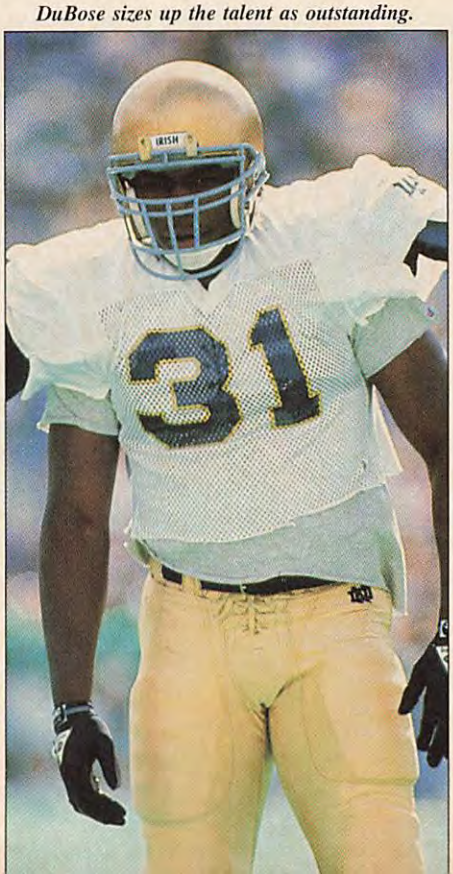
Brown, from Merritt Island, Fla., and Mirer are particular buddies. They hang together. They've gone on spring break together two years running. It began when Mirer was still in high school in Goshen, Ind.

"Vinny Cerrato, (now a San Franciso 49ers scout) then our recruiting coordinator, would always show him around," says Brown. "Then, his senior year in high school, he invited me, Tony Brooks, Ricky Watters and Rod Smith to come to his house to go skiing. Ever since then, we've been tight.

"Rick's a very unusual guy. He's calm, cool and collected. He's also very intelligent. With one more year, he's going to be that much more in control. And from what I could see this spring, he's even more competitive."

Notre Dame's ground attack rolled up 250.3 yards per game last year to rank 12th

DuBose sizes up the talent as outstanding.



nationally. Culver led the way with 150 carries for 710 yards and five touchdowns. With Watters gone (he rushed for 579 yards and scored eight touchdowns), Culver moves from fullback to tailback. The added potential there is from Brooks, a senior who shared the tailback slot with Watters much of last season. Brooks was the second-leading Irish rusher in the national championship '88 season before a stint at Holy Cross Junior College. He rushed for 451 yards and scored six touchdowns last year. He has the combination of size (6–2, 223) and speed (4.47 40) to be particularly dangerous.

Senior Walter Boyd, who played only three minutes last season, moves up at fullback. Challenges on the offensive line are replacing center Mike Heldt and guard Tim Ryan, both three-season starters. Senior Gene McGuire (6–5, 270) moves from tackle to center. He, guard Mirko Jurkovic (6–5, 281, senior) and tackle Justin Hall (6–5, 295, senior) were stalwarts in their first starting seasons. Seniors Winston Sandri (6–4, 278) and Lindsay Knapp (6–6, 261) are expected to battle it out at McGuire's tackle position. They are the only other returning lettermen. Sophomore Tim Ruddy (6–4, 270) could fill the guard vacancy left by Ryan.

As Adolphus Demetrius DuBose goes, so will go the Notre Dame defense. He moved into a starting position at inside linebacker late last season, confounding the hometown critics from Seattle who said he'd never cut it at Notre Dame after he chose the school over Washington.

"I heard that a lot," says DuBose (6–2, 223), "but I never believed it for a minute. But now I've got to be a leader. Now I'm taking over the defense, so to speak. I've got to take control of the huddle. I've got to keep the team together."

It's a tall order. But DuBose is large in potential. Teaming with Stonebreaker and Donn Grimm, both gone, he gave the Irish outstanding inside linebacking play last season. He was in on 48 tackles. His exceptional quickness and ability to rally the defense will be instrumental if the Irish are to improve on the average of 390.3 yards per game they yielded last season.

Jim Flanigan (6–3, 235, sophomore) heads the hopefuls at the other inside backer. He was Stonebreaker's backup. Senior Devon McDonald (6–3, 237) has the edge at one of the outside linebacker positions left open by the graduation of Andre Jones and Scott Kowalkowski. Sophomore Anthony Peterson (6–2, 218) and junior Nick Smith (6–3, 215) contend on the other side.

Williams, a fifth-year senior, is the only returning starter on the line. The 6–3, 298-pound veteran had 31 tackles. It will be difficult to replace Zorich, the team's inspirational leader, and Bob Dahl. Junior Eric

Jones (6–6, 233) started two games at nose tackle in Zorich's absence and could be a strong pass rusher. Junior Bryant (6–5, 262, junior) figures in the line picture.

With Lyght gone, it isn't exactly lights out for the Notre Dame secondary, but there's certainly shoring up to be done. Of the nine who lettered there, he's the only missing link. But even with him, the Irish gave up 267.1 yards a game passing.

Davis, who was second only to Stonebreaker in tackles with 58, including 42 unassisted, moves from strong safety to free safety. He, Rod Smith and George Poorman are seniors with experience.

Other hopefuls are LeShane Saddler, Jeff Burris, Greg Lane and Marvin Robinson at cornerback, and Tom Carter and John Covington at safety. All are sophomores. "I believe the answers in the secondary are on the campus right now," Holtz said at the beginning of spring practice, dismissing the suggestion that newcomers from another strong recruiting class would move into starting roles.

Notre Dame has no worry about its kicking game, at least insofar as the actual punting and placekicking are concerned. Junior Craig Hentrich handles both duties. He set a school record last season with a 44.9 punting average and scored 89 points, making 16 of 20 field-goal attempts and all 41 conversions.

But when, if ever, will the Irish find another Rocket Man? He ran up 1,723 all-purpose yards last season as a runner, receiver and kick and punt returner, and when he nestled under Rouen's unlikely punt with the final seconds about to tick off in the Orange Bowl, all the Irish had the same thought: Magic again.

"When they punted to us, I thought we were going to win the game," Brown says. "It's weird. When we play, it can be third-and-forever, and the guys on the team believe, somehow, whatever the odds, we're going to end up on top.

"It happened twice in a row in the first two games of the season against Michigan and Michigan State. But as soon as I noticed the flag on the field in the Orange Bowl I knew it was clipping. I don't think we would have ended up No. 1 anyway, not as close as the game had been."

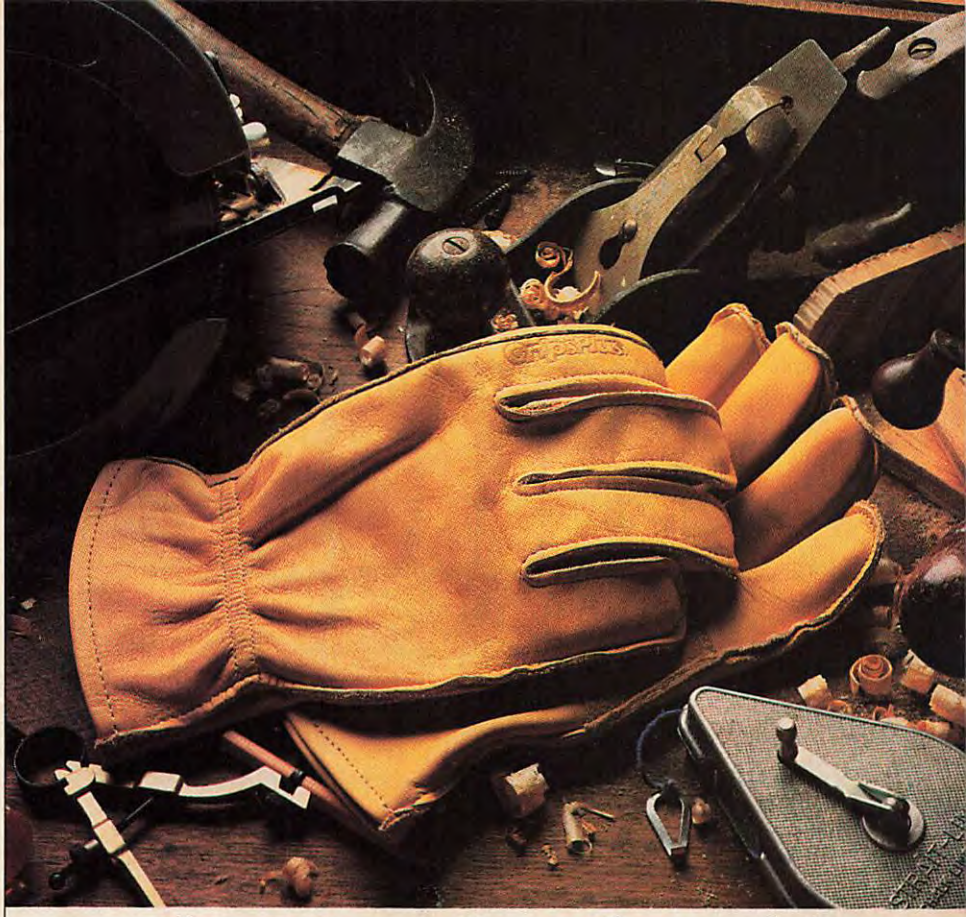
So there's the usual goal to point for again this season, even if the Irish don't appear, on paper, to be as loaded as they often are.

"We are not content, coming off a 9–3 season," says Holtz. "We can look back with pride at a lot of the things we've done, but it's time to take it to another level."

"I think we've got a lot of talent," says DuBose. "This is going to be an outstanding team."

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Hendren is considered one of the best at his position.

The Ohio Valley Conference will make its presence felt in Division I-AA this fall as Eastern Kentucky and Middle Tennessee, co-champions last year, vie for the top spot.

Roy Kidd, the Eastern Kentucky coach, likes Middle Tennessee State. "They've built the type of program that is good every year," he says. "Plus, they are well-coached. The addition of a strength coach has made their kids bigger and stronger than ever. That has really helped their program. They will always be fundamentally sound."

Repaying the compliment, Boots Donnelly, the Middle Tennessee State coach, likes Eastern Kentucky. "Eastern is always the favorite," he says. "We're not going to let Roy off the hook. He has a lot of players coming back. We don't."

Tailback-fullback Tim Lester is Eastern Kentucky's strength in the backfield. Returning from knee surgery and used sparingly because of the Colonels' depth, Lester gained 936 yards and scored 11 touchdowns. Running back Markus Thomas added 678 rushing yards. Tackle Carl Satterly and guard Tim Wimbley are potential all-stars on the offensive line. They made the All-OVC team a year ago when Eastern Kentucky finished 10–2, including six weeks at No. 1.

The Colonels, feeling the loss of injured quarterback Lorenzo Fields, dropped their regular-season finale and a first-round playoff game to Furman. Replacing Fields is Kidd's top priority. Returnees Joey Crenshaw and Dewby Berkhalter will be joined by redshirt freshman Ron Jones. Defensive linemen Ernest Thompson, Greg McKee and David Wilkins earned All-OVC honors. Craig Brooks, another all-conference performer, anchors the secondary.

Middle Tennessee State also must replace its quarterback, Phil Ironside. Ironside was injured in the final regular-season game and missed the playoffs. His replacement, O.J. Smith, was hurt early in a playoff loss to Boise State. Smith and Dino Stafford are the leading candidates for the Blue Raiders, who were No. 1 in the final I-AA poll.

Middle Tennessee State can count on All-America runner and OVC Offensive Player of the Year Joe Campbell, who is back for his senior season. Campbell gained 1,136 yards and scored 13 touchdowns.

All-OVC performers returning include offensive tackle Steve McAdoo and wide receiver Vincent Parks. Cornerback Jamie Redmond is another potential all-star. All three are juniors.

The Gateway Conference also had co-champions last year, Southwest Missouri State and Northern Iowa. Both were first-round losers in the playoffs. They are the prime contenders again this fall along with Eastern Illinois.

Jesse Branch, the Gateway's Coach of the Year, has several top players returning at Southwest Missouri, 9–3 a year ago. Branch's main task, however, will be replacing star quarterback DeAndre Smith, the league's Offensive Player of the Year.

Northern Iowa has eight of 11 offensive starters returning, most of whom are skill players. Plus, the Panthers, coming off an 8–4 season, have the nation's best placekicker in All-American Brian Mitchell. He made 26 of 27 field goals for an NCAA percentage record. He is on a roll of 18 straight kicks entering the season. Junior quarterback Jay Johnson, second in the country in passing efficiency, is a talented signal-caller. Wide receiver Kenny Shedd and cornerback Willie Beamon are All-America prospects.

Sophomore quarterback Jeff Thorne will lead Eastern Illinois, 5–6 last year.

The Yankee Conference will try to improve on last year's 0–1 playoff record when regular-season champion Massachusetts lost to William and Mary 38–0. That's somewhat ironic because William and Mary, James Madison and Northeastern have been admitted to the league. Competition begins in 1993. New Hampshire enters the season as the favorite with Massachusetts as the second choice.

Every offensive starter returns, says New Hampshire Coach Bill Bowes, beginning his 20th season at the school. "In fact," he says, "everybody returns off the first two teams except for one player, and we had a pretty productive offense last year. We have to be optimistic." Especially since tailback Barry Bourassa returns. He merely led Division I-AA in all-purpose yardage and scoring. Quarterback Matt Griffin completed 59 percent of his passes in last year's 7–3–1 campaign. Wide receiver John Perry caught 51 of those tosses.

Eight starters are back on defense, including all-conference defensive end Dwayne Sabb, tackles Geoff Aleva and Doug Ruggles, linebacker Chris McGrath, and defensive backs Nate Bryan and Jim Powers.

Massachusetts (8–2–1) will be without its starting quarterback, Gary Wilkos, last season's co-Offensive Player of the Year. He sustained a fractured vertebra at midseason and will be idle this fall. Dave McGovern, who finished the season, returns along with prospects Tom Fasano and Paul Tornatore.

Exciting tailback Jerome Bledsoe is available after being injured early last season. His

replacement, Johnny Johnson, was the conference's Rookie of the Year. All-league tackles Kai Dietiker and Rich Cavanaugh and tight end Ron Villone return on the offensive line. Ten defensive starters are back.

In the Southland Conference, defending champion Northeast Louisiana ranks among the favorites. The Indians finished 7–5, losing to Nevada in the first round of the playoffs. Sam Houston State (4–7) is a young team with plenty of players returning.

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference didn't rate a playoff team last year. Champion Florida A&M was 7–4 but had a regular-season game scheduled on the first playoff Saturday. Runner-up North Carolina A&T was 9–2 and finished tied for 19th in the final poll. On the basis of returning players, North Carolina A&T is the MEAC's early favorite.

Offensive Player of the Year Connell Maynor returns at quarterback for A&T. He led the nation in passing efficiency last year.

Florida A&M quarterback Antoine Ezell also returns. He was second in the voting for top offensive player.

The Big Sky Conference has furnished three Division I-AA champions but none since 1984. Nevada reached the finals in 1990, falling to Georgia Southern. To get there, the Wolf Pack won triple-overtime games against Furman and Big Sky rival Boise State. Idaho was another impressive playoff team, giving Georgia Southern its sternest test before losing 28–27.

Idaho is the likely favorite this year in part because of its playoff showing. It helps, too, that All-America wide receiver Kasey Dunn is back. He led the nation in pass-receiving with 88 receptions for 1,164 yards. Vandal running back Devon Pearce also returns. He was the only unanimous pick on the All-Big Sky offensive team and was second in Division I-AA with 1,393 yards and scored 15 touchdowns.

Among the top returnees for Nevada are linebacker Matt Clafton and defensive back Brock Marion. Boise State returns running back Chris Thomas, an All-Big Sky choice for two years. He gained 913 yards.

The Big Sky's most valuable players also return: Montana State defensive tackle Corey Widmer and Weber State quarterback Jamie Martin, who shared the offensive honor with Pearce.

Jackson State (8–4) won the Southwestern Athletic Conference title before falling to Middle Tennessee State in the playoffs. The Tigers have been in the playoffs nine years but have yet to win a game. Jackson State led the nation in scoring last year, averaging 38 points. However, a defender, Robert Turner, may be the best returning Tiger. He brought back four interceptions for touchdowns during the regular season and earned All-America honors as a freshman.

Alabama State (7–2–1) finished second in the SWAC. All-America linebacker Eddie Robinson returns for the Hornets.

Although no Patriot League teams are eligible for the I-AA playoffs (a decision of the league's various school presidents), Holy Cross is a perennial power, and this year will be no exception. The Crusaders return talented quarterback Tom Ciaccio, while Coach Mark Duffner enters his sixth season with a 49–5–1 mark (.900).

Three leading independents are expected to challenge Georgia Southern's authority. The most interesting is Central Florida. In their first year in Division I-AA, Coach Gene McDowell's Knights went 8–3 in the regular season, made the playoffs and won two more games before losing to Georgia Southern in the semifinals, 44–7. They handed Youngstown State its only loss 20–17 and defeated William and Mary 52–38 before heading for Statesboro.

"Our team surprised me," McDowell says. "I thought we accomplished the impossible getting in the playoffs in our first year and making it to the semifinals. We had 16 walk-ons starting for us, and that's a bit unusual."

Now, it's time for an encore. Starting quarterback Ron Johnson is back, along with backup Travis Peeples. The Knight defense lost four starters, but several quality players return, including linebackers Bob Spitulski and Rick Hamilton, and defensive backs Eric Buckley and Shane Law.

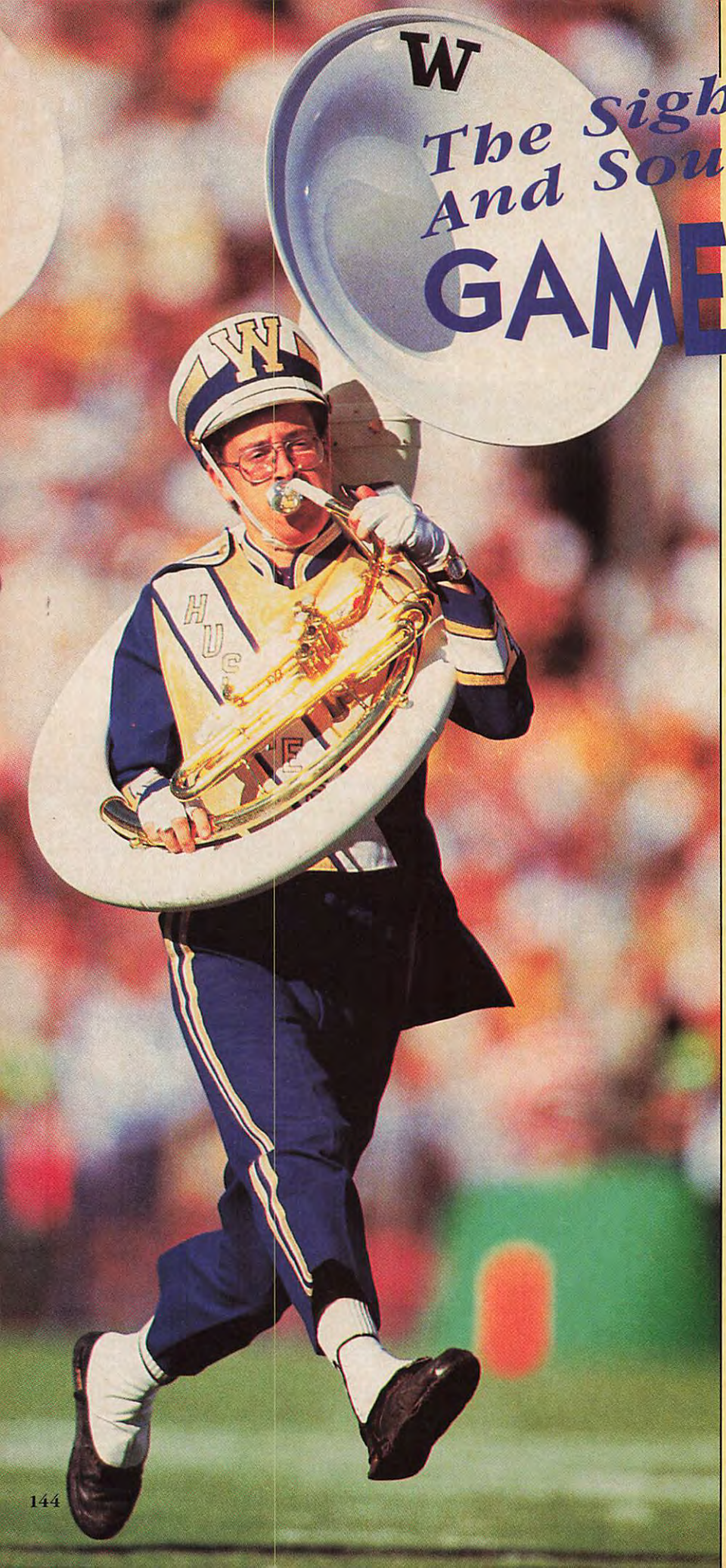
Youngstown State swept through the regular season unbeaten before losing to Central Florida on a field goal with three seconds remaining.

Quarterback Ray Isaac ranked among the nation's leaders in passing efficiency. But as the season progressed, the Penguins didn't throw as much, and he dropped from the ratings. Running back Tamron Smith, wide receiver Andre Ballinger and tight end Ron Strollo return. Three four-year starters anchor the defense: lineman Pat Danko, linebacker Kevin Brown and back Derek Pixley.

William and Mary finished seventh in the country and had a 10–3 record, including one playoff victory. Thirteen starters and 39 lettermen are back. Tailback Robert Green, already the top rusher in school history, returns after ranking eighth nationally in rushing and scoring last season. Record-setting quarterback Chris Hakel also returns. He passed for 2,830 yards and 19 touchdowns and ran for 10 more TDs. He was seventh in total offense and 11th in passing efficiency.

Other independents to watch include Liberty, Samford and James Madison. ■



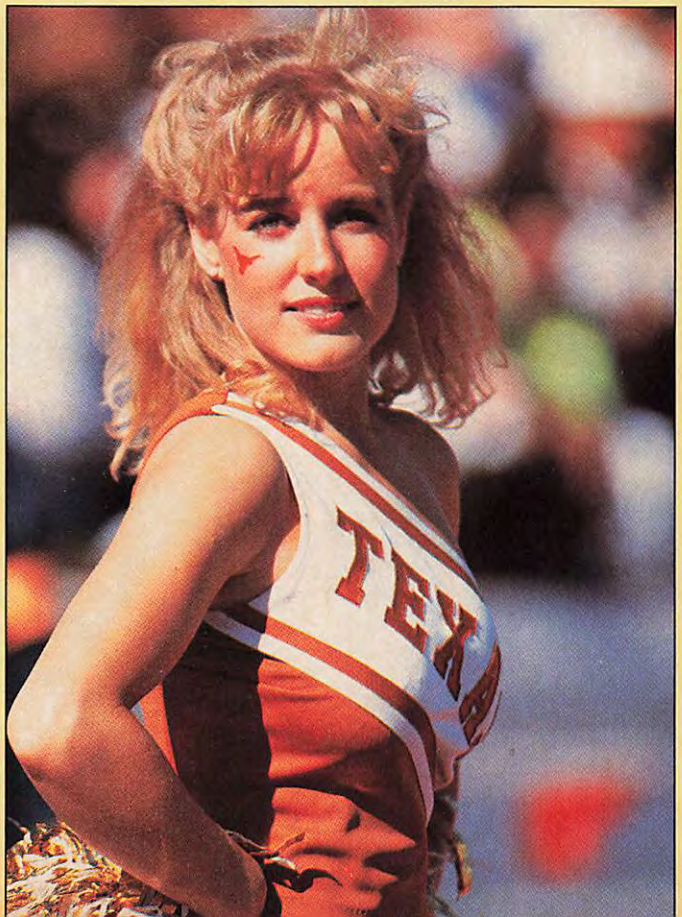


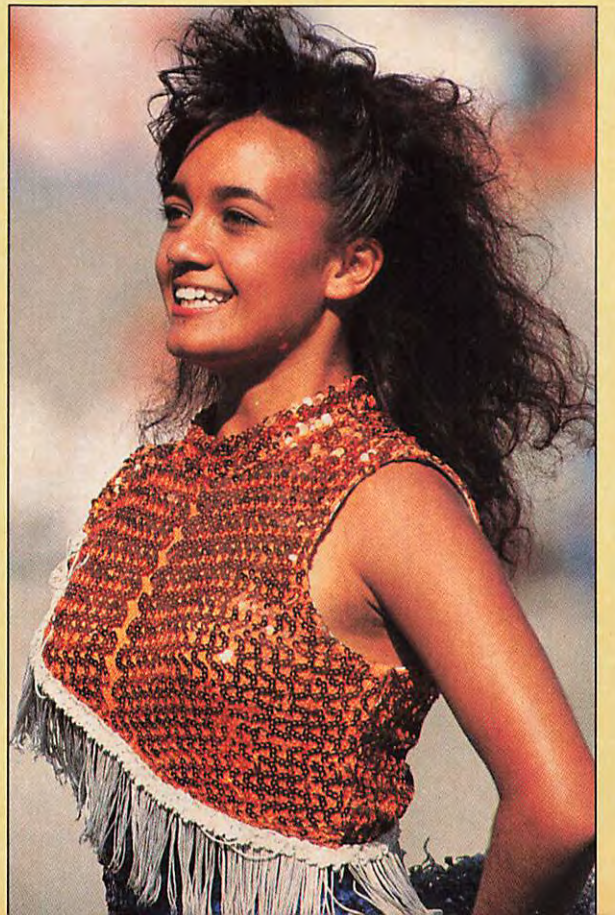
The Sights And Sounds of GAME DAY

Trite as it may sound, college football is a spectacle, a happening, an event bigger than the game itself. Take away the fans, mascots, cheerleaders, and bands and there is no game, at least not as we have come to know it. Recognizing this, Athlon *highlights some of those folks responsible for creating the Sights and Sounds of Game Day.*

Washington marching band member Lonnie Langford (left) displays his high-stepping sousaphone-playing style. A junior majoring in engineering, Langford enjoys mountain climbing and aerospace studies when he's not busy working the tuba for the Husky band. Every crowd has its, well, wackos. These eccentrics (opposite page, top) support the Oregon Ducks. When it comes to support, Jennifer Lucas of Texas (lower left) and Tina Maria Coccia of Illinois (lower right) are definite standouts. Perhaps the Longhorn and Fighting Illini teams will be, too.


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Southern California cheerleader Claudene Christian, LSU flag bearer Loan Nguyen and Alabama majorette Christia Lynn Nalls create on-field excitement. Illinois symbol Chief Illiniwek (mechanical engineer major Kurt Gruben) is a fixture, as is the 300-member strong Marching Illini.



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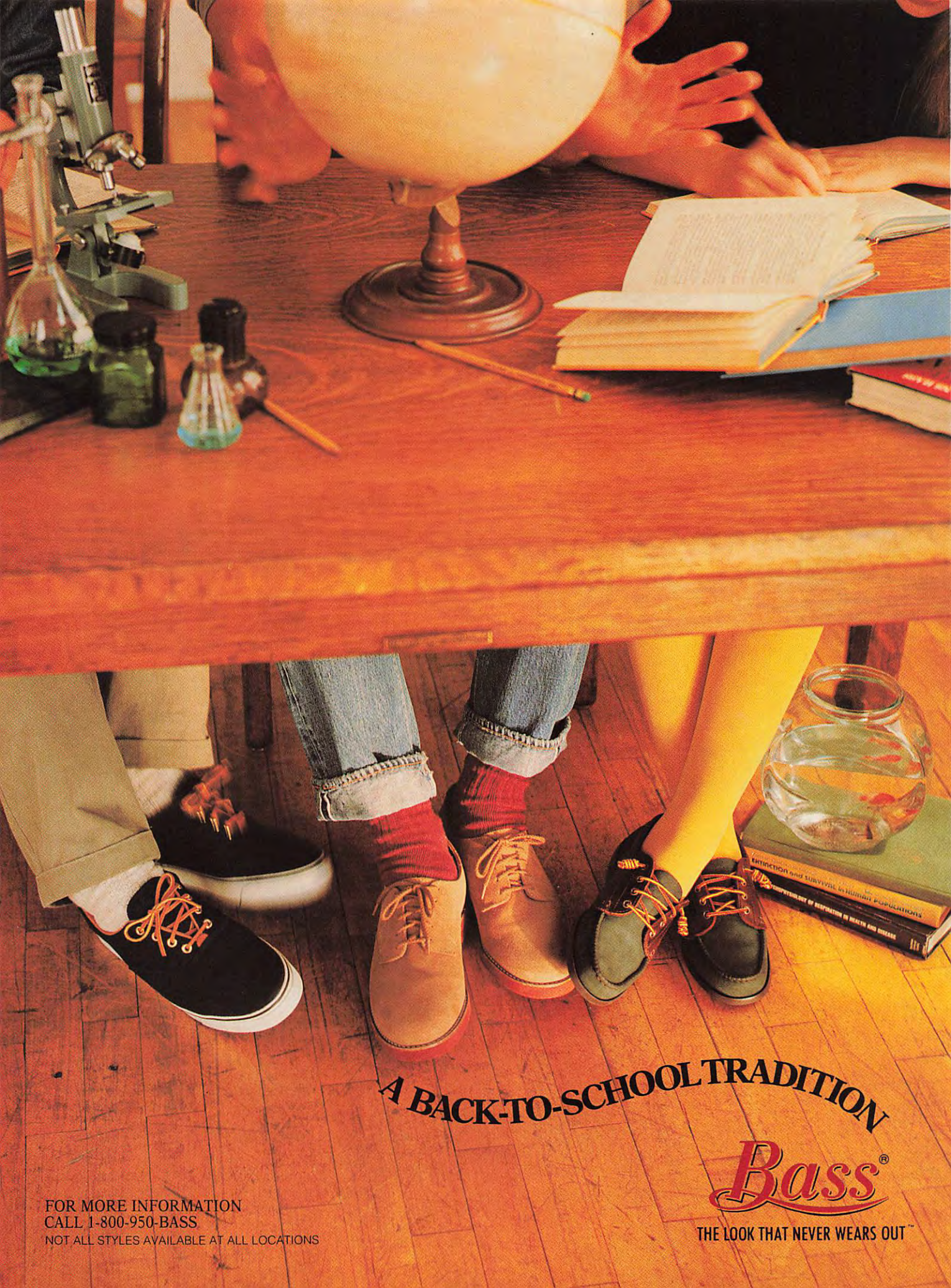




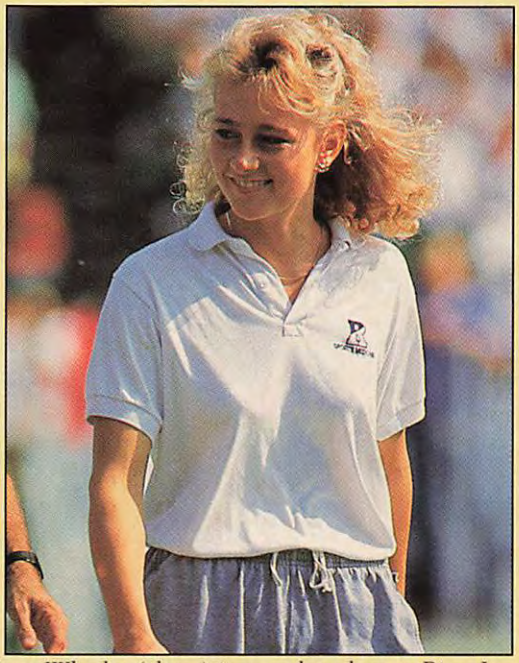
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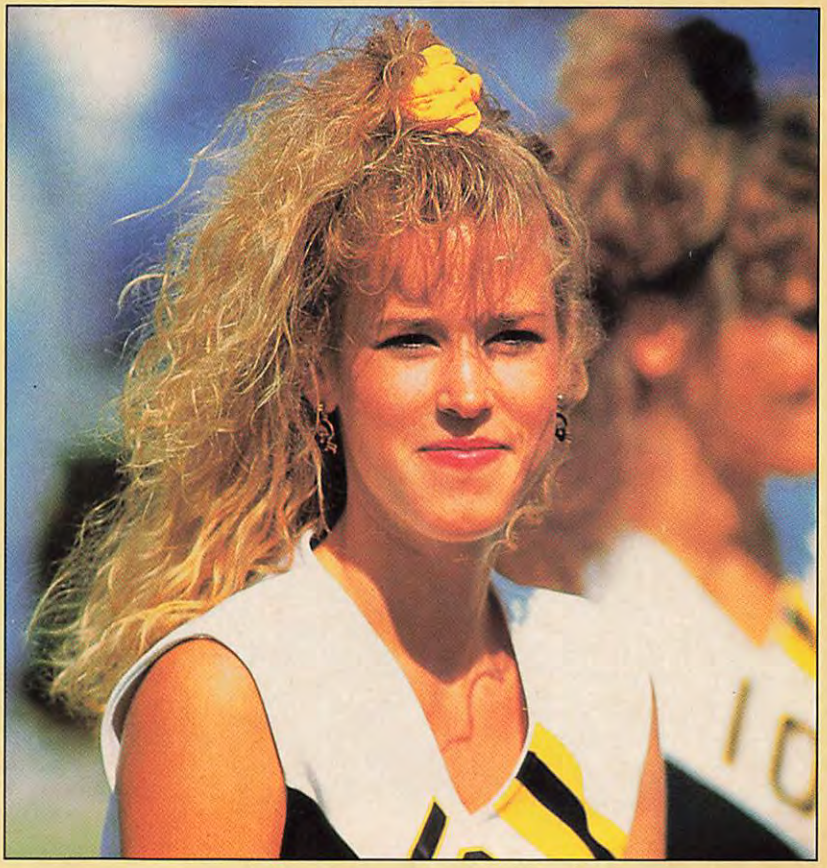
(Above) The Rambling Wreck of Georgia Tech did some serious rambling last season (11–0–1, No. 1 in nation according to UPI coaches poll). West Virginia sophomore Nikki Metheny (left) enjoys a little rambling herself—she's an occasional hiker. Many American activities (college football included) in late 1990 took a backseat to U.S. military buildup in Saudi Arabia. Ole Miss majorettes (below) reflect the country's mood.




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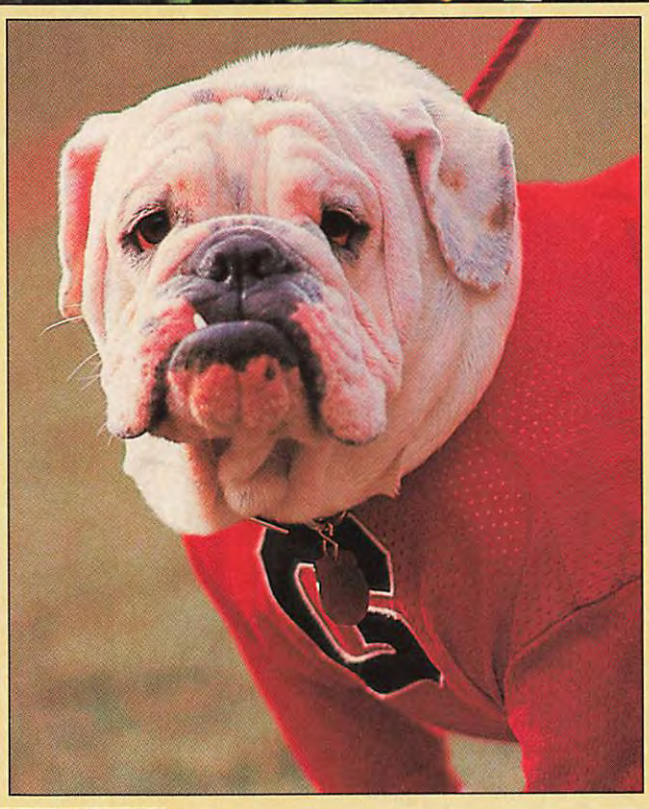


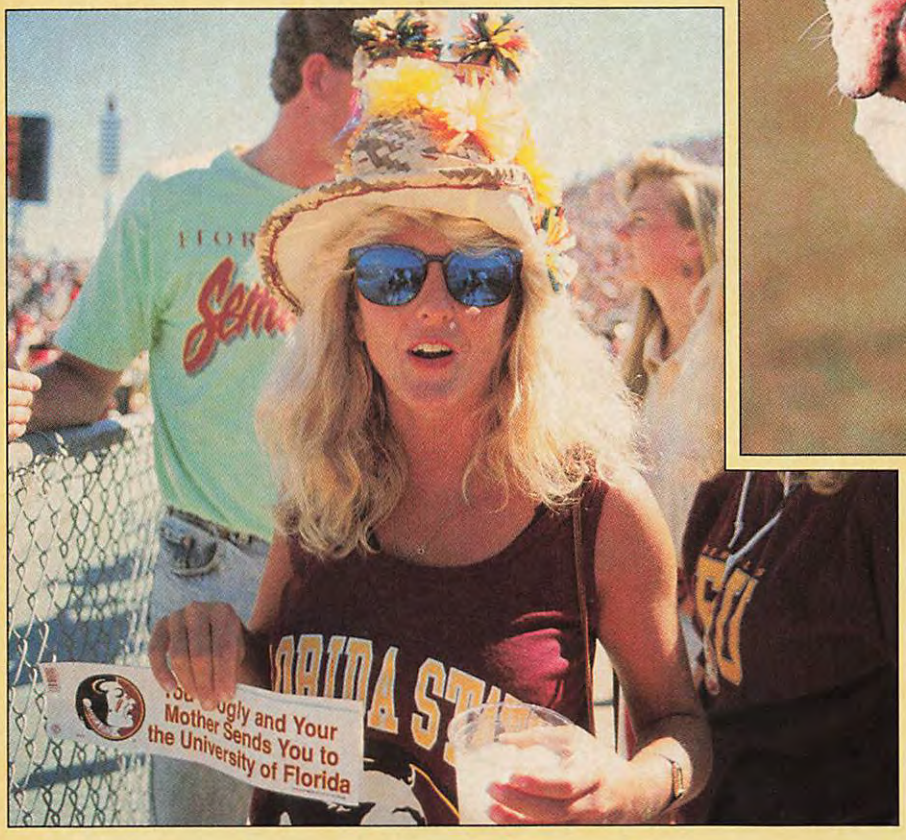
Lees Wheeler (above) is a grad student at Rice, Iowa's Ann Koontz (right) studies accounting and former Washington cheerleader Chiann Fan (below) is a dental student at Tufts. Wonder what academic pursuits await this young Kansas State fan?





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A traditional look is synonymous with the Stanford band, with Georgia's mascot, Uga V, and with Florida State fans, known for their choice of hats. ■

DiNardo Relishes Challenge

Vanderbilt Coach Stays on the Run

by Larry Woody

Vanderbilt football Coach Gerry DiNardo learned at a very young age the futility of trying to win an argument with a New York City cop.

The officer in DiNardo's case was his father.

DiNardo's father walked a beat in Brooklyn.

When it came time for young DiNardo to choose a college, his father wanted him to attend Notre Dame, where his older brother, Larry, had been a two-time All-American, team captain and standout student.

"I was very reluctant," says DiNardo. "I was not a highly recruited player, and I suppose I felt too much would be expected of me, in light of all of Larry's accomplishments.

"I received a questionnaire from Notre Dame and I just tossed it aside. When my dad found out, he suggested I complete it and return it simply as a matter of courtesy. I did, and next I was invited to visit the campus. I wasn't going to, but again my father, insisting he wasn't trying to influence me one way or the other, suggested that I pay a visit out of respect.

"So I visited the campus. I met Coach Ara Parseghian, and when I walked out of his office, I knew I was going to Notre Dame. I think my dad knew that if he got me to that point, I'd be sold. I was, and it turned out to be the best thing that's ever happened to me. I've got my dad and his 'suggestions' to thank for it."

And what was his mother doing all this time?

"My mom didn't get involved directly," says DiNardo, chuckling at the recollection. "But each time one of us would get ready to go off to college, mom would knit us an afghan in that school's colors. All the time my dad was trying to steer me toward Notre Dame, my mom just sat quietly knitting my afghan—in Notre Dame blue and gold. You might say she was letting her knitting do the talking."

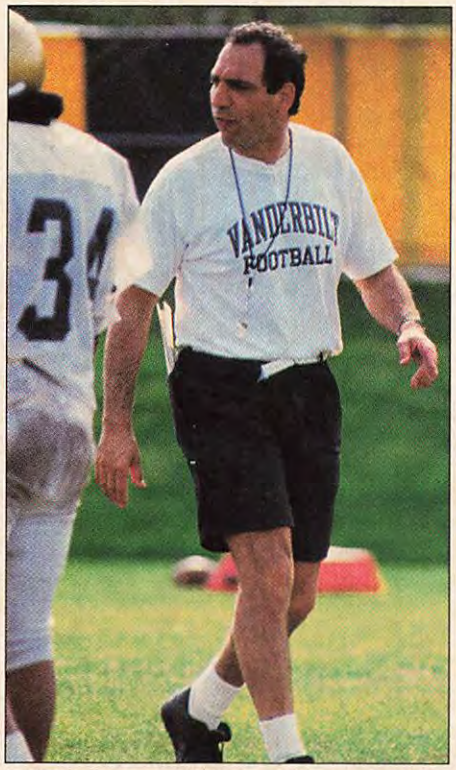
DiNardo, the youngest of four brothers, recalls his Brooklyn upbringing with fondness.

"Neither my mom nor dad went to college, and everything they did was directed toward making sure we boys went," says DiNardo. "I don't recall them ever doing anything for themselves. It was all for us."

The four DiNardo sons did their parents proud. Bob and Larry are attorneys, John is a computer programmer and Gerry is launching his first season as a head football coach at a major university.

DiNardo was an All-America offensive guard at Notre Dame and a member of Parseghian's team that won the 1973 national championship with a win over Alabama in the Sugar Bowl.

DiNardo began his coaching career as defensive line coach at Maine in 1975. In 1978 he took a job as a defensive line coach at Eastern Michigan. He moved to Colorado as a defensive assistant in 1982, switched to the offensive side in 1983, and was promoted to offensive coordinator in 1984. He was named head coach at Vanderbilt on Dec. 3, 1990.



DiNardo has a watchful eye on his new program.

"As late as my senior year in college, I was still planning to attend law school," recalls DiNardo. "I had not considered a career in coaching. Then I just switched gears. I became an assistant at Maine, and as soon as I got the job, it consumed me. I loved it from the first day: the planning, the preparation, working with the players. Now I can't imagine having done anything else."

"I really didn't expect Gerry to become a coach," says Parseghian. "Most of our players went into medicine or law or business. I thought Gerry would probably do the same. I was very pleased to learn he had pursued coaching. I felt he would be a good one because of his dedication.

"I have followed his career since he has been at Colorado. He has done a remarkable job there. I had endorsed him for some other (head coaching) jobs. I knew it would be just a matter of time before someone grabbed him."

Indeed, it was apparent that *Athlon*'s 1990 Assistant Coach of the Year was not destined to remain in the assistant ranks for long, given his success at Colorado. The Buffaloes, running the I-Bone offense, a DiNardo innovation, compiled the best record in football the last two years and claimed last season's national championship in The Associated Press poll.

So it was obvious that DiNardo eventually would become a head coach. But why at Vanderbilt, which has fielded just one winning team in the past 15 years?

"I feel comfortable in the academic environment," says DiNardo. "I think some of the things that might make some other coaches a bit leery of the Vanderbilt job are the very things that are attractive to me."

When DiNardo is not involved in some phase of coaching, his pastimes involve reading and running. The 38-year-old coach has completed three marathons and wedges daily jogs into his schedule.

"I love to run because it gives me a sense of freedom, of getting away from it all," DiNardo says. "It flushes out all the negatives.

"And secondly, there's the challenge of it; it's the most challenging thing I can do at my age. I can't hit a baseball and I'm a terrible golfer. But I can run and endurance is a challenge. I may not be the fastest runner but maybe I can run longer than anybody."

Endurance is a trait that should serve DiNardo well in his task of rebuilding Vanderbilt's football program. He is launching his head coaching career in the Southeastern Conference, one of the nation's toughest, at a school that has struggled in the past.

"I like the comparison," says DiNardo. "In a marathon race, sheer determination, will and desire count for a great deal. I think it counts a lot in football, too, and that's going to become our trademark at Vanderbilt." ■

SOUTH CAROLINA

You've got to accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative, don't mess with Mr. In-Between. . .''

So go the lyrics of the popular song by Johnny Mercer and Harold Arlen, or was it Hoagy Carmichael?

The words could well describe the football situation at the University of South Carolina this year. Breaking it down, we find. . .

The positive: After this season, the Gamecocks will become a full-fledged member of the Southeastern Conference, playing in the Eastern Division with Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee and Vanderbilt. Additionally, there will be annual games against non-divisional opponents Arkansas and Mississippi State, and a rotating game against one of the remaining teams.

Fuller completed 171 passes in 294 attempts (58.2 percent) for 2,372 yards and 13 touchdowns. One of his important statistics was only nine interceptions.

The negative: Before South Carolina joins the SEC family, it must complete a transitional year against old opponents and, in the meantime, realign its program, stock recruits and somehow remain focused during its last hurrah as a Southern independent.

Mr. In-Between: That would be senior quarterback Bobby Fuller, who in his collegiate career has served as a human bridge. Originally recruited by Coach Sparky Woods for Appalachian State, he opted to follow his old mentor when Woods took the South Carolina job in 1989.

Fuller bridged the gap for Woods and South Carolina. Last year, following a redshirt transfer year, he led the Gamecocks to a winning (6–5) campaign. Not the flashy type, he's more the laid-back, inconspicuous craftsman who does his job and makes everyone around him better.

For the season, Fuller completed 171 passes in 294 attempts (58.2 percent) for 2,372 yards and 13 touchdowns. One of his important statistics was only nine interceptions.

Fuller's best afternoon was against bowl-bound North Carolina State, when he threw for 356 yards and three touchdowns, a career high. Unfortunately, that game came in the middle of a defensive crisis and the Gamecocks lost 38–29.

The problem started a week earlier when South Carolina dropped a stunning 38–35 decision to The Citadel, a Division I-AA opponent.

''That one game ruined the whole season,'' Fuller says. ''It was a real crusher.''

What the loss to The Citadel probably did was knock South Carolina out of a bowl bid. A 7–4 record is considered bowl-borderline; 6–5 is not very appealing.

But despite the Gamecocks' failure to play in a bowl for the second straight year, Woods couldn't ask for a quarterback with better knowledge of his system than Fuller.

''Only two schools were interested in me when I was a senior in Miami,'' Fuller says. ''One was Boston College, the other was Appalachian State. My visit to Boone (N.C.) convinced me. I liked the school, the area and, most important, I liked the coaching staff.''

Woods and Fuller left an enviable legacy at Boone.

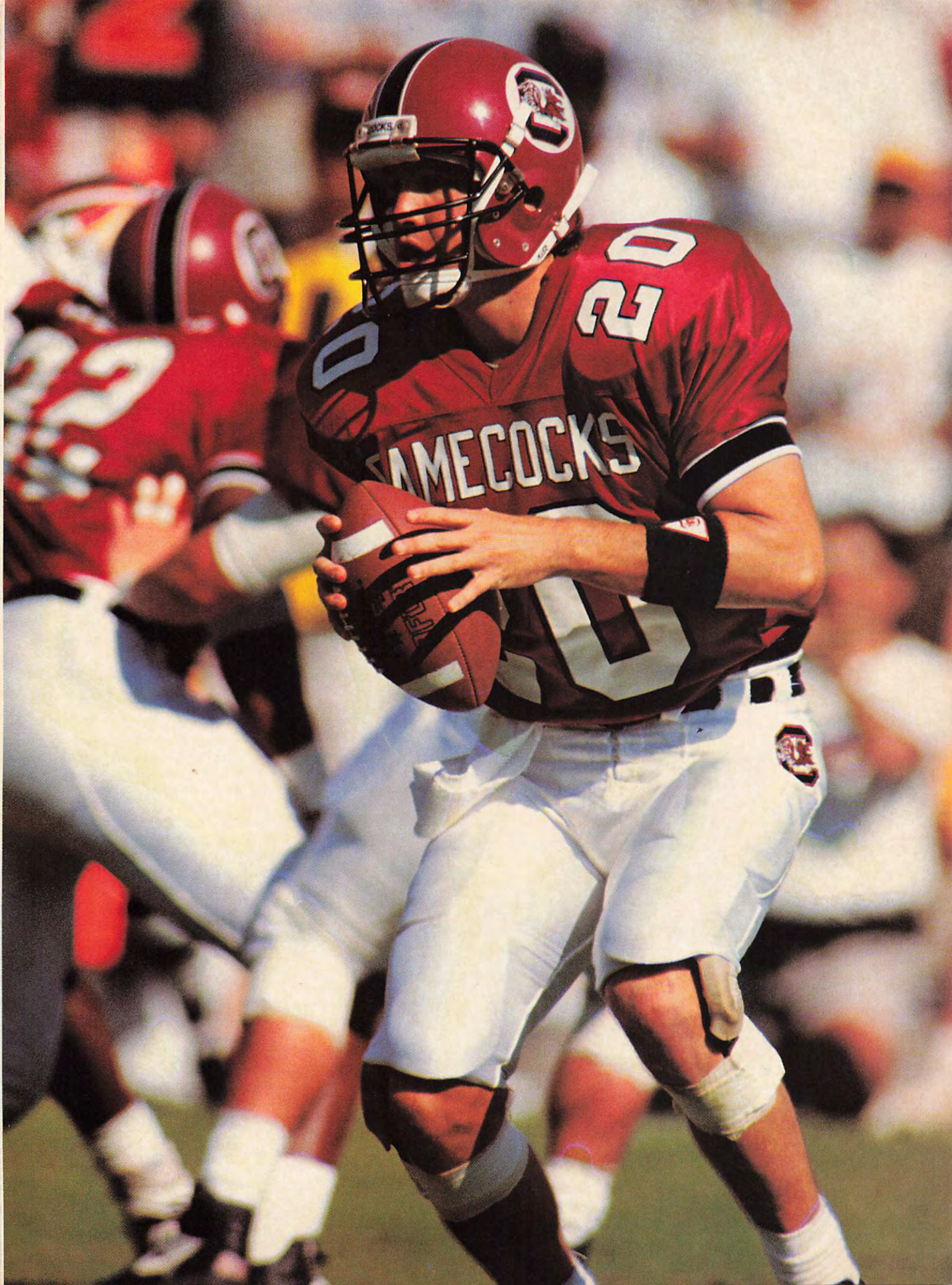
Under Woods, the Mountaineers compiled a 38–19–2 record, won their first Southern Conference championship (1986) and had a school-record 11 wins in 1987.

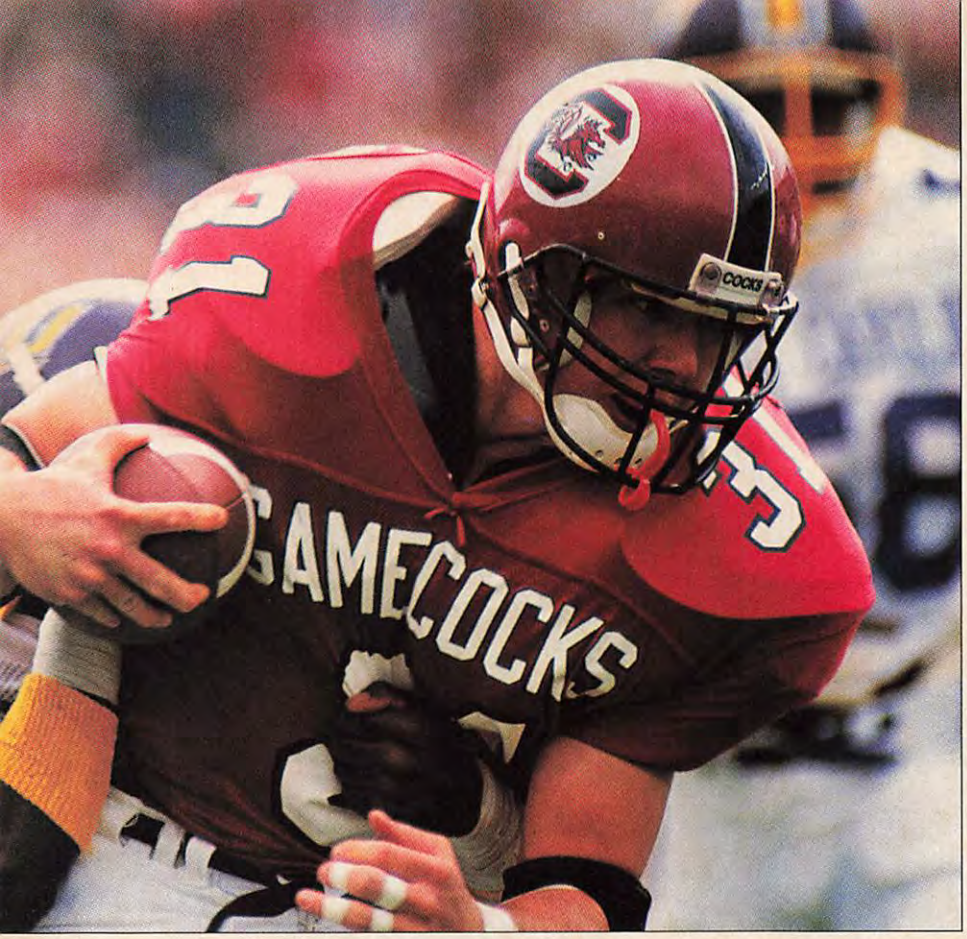
It wasn't much fun after Woods left that season.

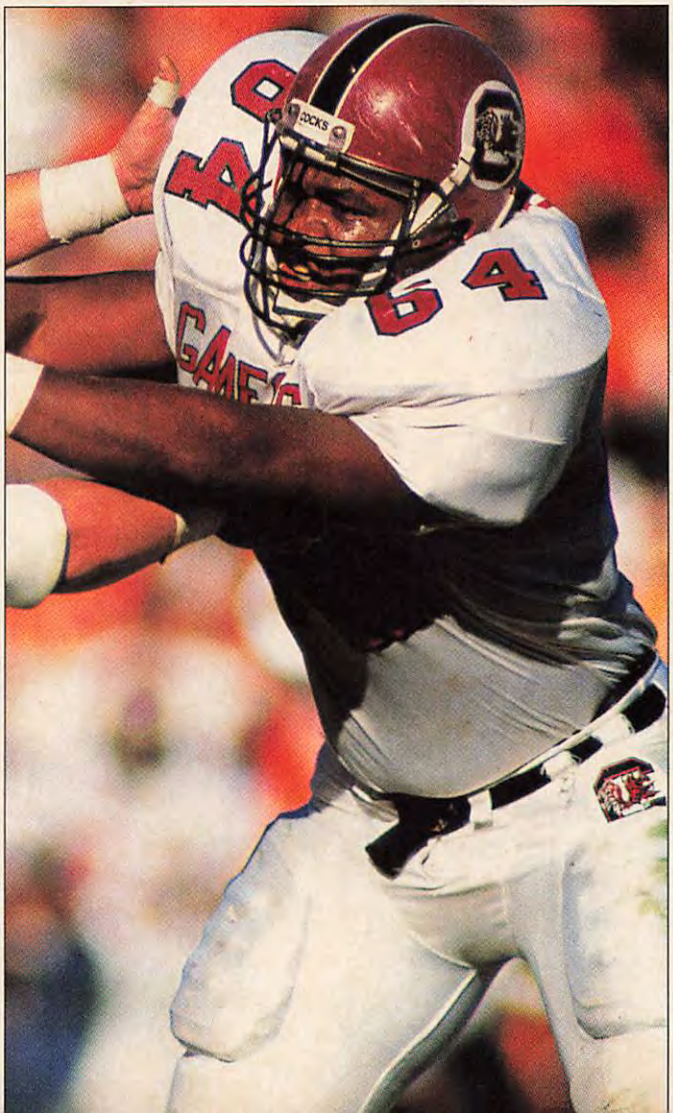
''I intended to stay (at Appalachian),'' Fuller says. ''But when I went to spring practice under the new coaching staff, things didn't work out, and I decided it wasn't the best thing for me.

''It was only logical that I transfer to South Carolina. I knew Coach Woods, he knew me and I knew the system that he ran. I sat out the '89 season because I'd never redshirted before and had two years of eligibility left.''

Bobby Fuller may have an unusual number for a quarterback, but his 1990 statistics were typical for a talented one.


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The way running back Rob DeBoer (above) blasts through the line, he's almost in the mold of defensive tackle Marty Dye (right).

■ *SOUTH CAROLINA*

The "Woods system" is the one-back offense. The difference between that and the run-and-shoot is that Woods uses the blocking and receiving of a tight end.

Fuller is resigned to the fact he is the "bridge quarterback" between the independent Gamecocks and a full schedule in the SEC.

"I'm happy for the team and the school," he says. "I won't get to play in the SEC, but I think it's going to be great for the program. It will help recruiting and make the football program stronger."

Many are wondering what the new affiliation will do to the ancient South Carolina-Clemson rivalry, one of the nation's most revered. With South Carolina having to worry about Georgia, Florida, Arkansas and Mississippi State, and Clemson having to take on Georgia Tech, Virginia, North Carolina and Maryland, will there be any emotion left when they play each other?

Fuller laughs.

"I don't think you can hurt that rivalry," he says. "Until I came to Columbia, I didn't realize how big the South Carolina-Clemson game was. I've seen other rivalries like Florida-Florida State, but nothing matches this. It's pretty serious. Fans talk about it all year, not just the week of the game."

As the last of South Carolina's independent quarterbacks, Fuller is confident the motivation is there for a successful season.

"We haven't gone to a bowl game in two years, and that has to be one of our goals," he says.

It won't be easy.

The Gamecocks lost 15 seniors from last year's squad, a class that helped win 28 games since 1987, the most football victories in a four-year period in the history of the school.

The one unsatisfactory phase of the game in 1990 was the inconsistency of the defense. So Woods changed it. He brought in two coaches, Miles Aldridge and Tommy West, both former Clemson staff members, to coordinate the new schemes. Aldridge comes from North Carolina State, West from Tennessee. They have their work cut out for them. All four down linemen are gone.

On offense, much depends on the players around Fuller. He's poised and he doesn't make mistakes, but he's not an overpowering quarterback who does it all himself.

The strength of the offensive unit is the receivers, specifically seniors Robert Brooks, Eddie Miller and David Pitchko, all wide-outs, and senior tight end Charles Steward.

There were a lot of receptions in that group last season, to wit: Brooks, 33 catches, 548 yards, six touchdowns; Miller, 21 catches, 457 yards, two TDs; Pitchko, 19 receptions, 292 yards, one TD; and Steward, 18 catches, 212 yards, one score.

Runners often get in a hurry when they see outside linebacker Gerald Dixon making his way across the turf.

Behind Steward (6–2, 245) at tight end, the Gamecocks have a couple of promising players in sophomores Mathew Campbell (6–5, 245) and Mike Whitman (6–4, 225).

The running back position should be as effective as a year ago. Leading returnee is powerful Rob DeBoer, a 5–10, 200-pound sophomore who runs with gusto. He rushed for 700 yards and six touchdowns. The only negative about DeBoer is that he missed spring practice to play baseball.

In his absence, senior Albert Haynes, a speedster, ran at the position with two freshmen, converted quarterback Terry Wilburn and Cleon Jones Jr., son of the former outfielder who led the 1969 world-champion New York Mets in batting. Last year Haynes, who had a bad ankle, ran for 201 yards and a touchdown on only 56 carries.

Fuller's backup at quarterback will be junior Wright Mitchell, who saw limited action in '90.

Woods has promising players for the offensive line. The new center is expected to be senior Jay Killen (6–4, 270), another transfer from Appalachian State. He started some games last year at guard and center.

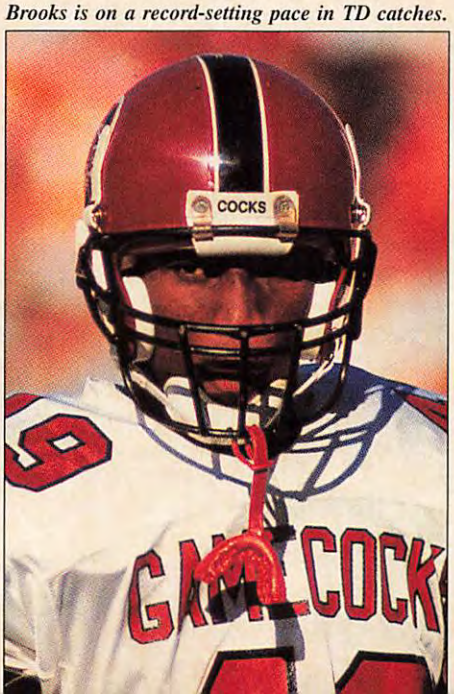
The only other starter returning upfront is junior guard Antoine Rivens (6–1, 265). His running mate will be another junior, Kenny Farrell (6–3, 270). Both prospective tackles are juniors. One is one of the larger men on the squad, 6–5, 305-pound Scott Cooley. The other is Rich Sweet (6–6, 280).

Says Woods: "We should have a similar look on offense as last fall. We hope to have a balanced attack. Receivers will play a key role. They will be our strength on offense. Our ability to run the ball will be determined by how well our young running backs develop, and I have confidence in them."

The new defensive scheme will feature two outside backers, two tackles, a nose guard, two inside backers, two cornerbacks and two safeties. In other words, a three-man line.

They'll line up like this:

Brooks is on a record-setting pace in TD catches.



Outside backers: Senior Gerald Dixon (6–3, 252) and sophomore Ernest Dixon (6–2, 240).

Ends: Seniors Marty Dye (6–4, 277) and Bobby Brown (6–2, 255).

Nose guard: Junior Cedric Bembery (6–0, 285).

Inside backers: Senior Joe Reaves (6–3, 235) and sophomore Eric Brown (6–0, 220).

Cornerbacks: Junior Cedric Surratt and senior Antonio Walker.

Safeties: Senior Leon Harris and sophomore Bru Pender.

Of the group, Harris had the most tackles. He had 91, 50 of them solos, and two interceptions. Reaves was next with 89 tackles, 48 unassisted, four for losses and a single interception. Gerald Dixon was also effective with 70 tackles, 43 solo, four for losses, three sacks and 15 quarterback hurries.

Senior punter Daren Parker returns. He averaged 39.9 on 51 punts. Marty Simpson, a redshirt freshman, has a stronger leg.

"I believe that 1990 is going to be an exciting, fun type of year," says Woods. "We'll be playing old rivals like Duke, North Carolina State, Georgia Tech and North Carolina for the last time, and we'll want to do well. The SEC is a long way off. It's going to be a real challenge to play teams of that caliber."

If Woods' record (50–28–3) is any indication, he'll do very well in the SEC.

First, however, there's a chore for him and Mr. In-Between. ■

MISSI

For years, Memphis State seemed to sit down at the table each fall to put together a jigsaw puzzle with the same key piece either missing or in question: the quarterback.

During the 1980s, the Tigers trotted out 10 different starting quarterbacks. That included three years during which Danny Sparkman started every game, meaning that nine other quarterbacks shared the starting job over a seven-year span.

In his first season of Division I-A football, Benton set three school records. . . . As impressive as those statistics are, Benton is convinced he can improve them.

Now, finally, Memphis State Coach Chuck Stobart feels he heads into a season with his quarterback puzzle solved, the key piece being senior Keith Benton.

After transferring to Memphis State from College of the Sequoias (Calif.) junior college before last season, Benton lost no time making his presence known. In his first season of Division I-A football, Benton set three school records, including most total offense in a single season (1,877 yards). Benton became the first Memphis State player to lead the team in both rushing (612 yards) and passing (1,265).

As impressive as those statistics are, Benton is convinced he can improve them.

"Last year was basically a learning experience for me," Benton says. "I was having to learn a new system, make the adjustment from the junior college to the major college game and get used to a new coaching staff and all-new teammates.

"I spent a lot of time just looking at a ton of film, trying to get myself mentally prepared. I had to learn what to do before I could go out and actually do it. I'm ahead of that schedule now. When I walk onto the field at the start of fall practice, I'll already know what to expect, and I can concentrate entirely on my game."

Not only was Benton coming in cold last season, but he also broke a finger on his throwing hand at the outset of practice. Despite being sidelined for three critical weeks, Benton had won a starting job by the second game of the season. He kept it for the final 10 games.

"That was a tough way to get started, breaking a finger, because I felt I had so much catching up to do already," Benton says. "At the time, I thought it would be a major setback, but the coaches were very good to me. They kept giving me encouragement, telling me not to get down."

Benton, who passed for 3,125 yards and rushed for 1,165 in two junior college seasons, seemed to be just what Stobart was looking for to direct the Tigers' attack.

"We wanted some consistency at the position; that was the biggest thing," says Stobart, who as quarterbacks coach at Southern California helped develop such notable signal-callers as Rodney Peete. "Keith also has a lot of speed and natural ability."

"He's an exciting player," Memphis State quarterbacks coach Randy Fichtner says. "He gives us the opportunity to make the big plays. We never want to stymie his creativity."

"I like to think of myself as a scrambling quarterback," Benton says. "Anytime you have that threat on offense, it puts more pressure on the defense. It helps break defenses down, and that helps open up the passing game. If the defense knows the quarterback can run, it stays a little off-balance."

That out-of-the-pocket scrambling has one obvious drawback: It makes Benton a vulnerable target for tacklers on virtually every play. With that in mind, Stobart will try to stock up at the position.

"Very few football teams go through the season with the same quarterback," Stobart explains. "It's a position where you touch the ball on every play. Anything can happen."

Straight from the College of the Sequoias JC, Keith Benton stood tall for the Tigers, too, setting three school records in 1990.


BERRY
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Leon Bosby cuts a fine image for a running back.

"You can't worry about things like that," Benton says. "It's like when I hurt my finger in practice last year. Injuries happen, and you can't predict when or where they'll come. You just have to go out and play and not worry about it."

A native of Homestead, Fla., Benton had numerous major college offers after his sensational, attention-getting junior college career on the West Coast.

"I wanted to get back to the South, closer to home," he explains. "That was a major consideration in my decision. Plus, I looked at the situation at Memphis State and felt it was a place where they were looking for help at quarterback and where I had a chance to play right away. That's important when you have only two seasons of eligibility left. You don't want to go somewhere where you have to be a backup too long, or your career's over. You need to go where you're needed."

Memphis State's football fortunes have been up-and-down in recent years, but Benton is undaunted by past results.

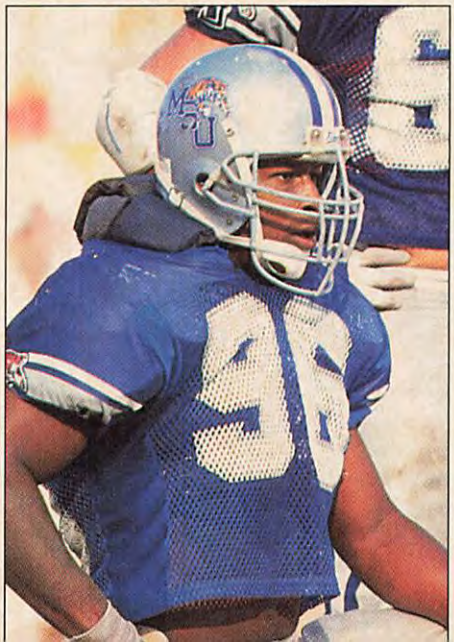
"The program has gone through a lot of changes, and it's hard to develop consistency and success when that happens," he says. "But I'm convinced Coach Stobart can bring stability to the program. In fact, I think you could see evidence of it last season. We were in a lot of games that we could have won by making a play here or there. Hopefully, we're going to be able to make those plays this year and have a good season.

"I feel good about where we are. I won't be here after this season, but it would still be nice to look back and see where we helped lay a foundation for a great program. And every player wants to go out a winner."

Benton is the oldest of five children, and being a role model has always been important to him.

"Some of my uncles played football and were my role models," he says. "I know how important that can be. When I finish my college career, I'd like to try professional football. But that would be a bonus. My primary objective is to complete my degree and at some point get into teaching. I like working with kids. All that's in the future, though; right now my goal is to win football games."

Hobbs' hits are head-up.



■ *MEMPHIS STATE*

Benton has a solid offensive line to operate behind, anchored by junior center Larry Bolton (6–2, 260). Guards are junior Joe Stanley (6–5, 286) and senior James Maclin (6–1, 286). Strong tackle is sophomore Shawn Gagel (6–3, 273), with freshman Mark Green (6–6, 275) and sophomore Marlowe Hinson (6–5, 257) contending for quick tackle. Senior Ricky Windom (6–3, 260) and junior Gary Bouldin (6–6, 226) will operate at the tight end spot.

The Tigers feature a fleet of running backs, with junior Leon Bosby, sophomore Larry Porter and senior Charles Allen leading the way. Bosby was the team's second-leading rusher last season behind Benton, with 589 yards and four touchdowns. Porter collected 468 yards and nine touchdowns and Allen had 243 yards and one touchdown. Junior Xavier Crawford, a highly touted runner who injured a knee on the final play of spring practice last year and missed the entire season, is expected to be back at full speed this fall.

Russell Copeland, a junior, heads the depth chart at wide receiver, with senior Russell Jones and junior John Bush at flanker.

Junior nose guard Chris Hobbs (6–1, 236) braces an experienced defensive line. The tackles are Pat Jansen (6–3, 252), a junior, and senior Larry Cox (6–5, 262). Ends will be senior Jeff Harris (6–0, 225) and junior Jeff Sawyer (6–4, 212). Linebackers are junior Michael Davis (6–0, 225) and sophomore Danton Barto (6–1, 237).

Hobbs is the Tigers' leading returning tackler with 71 stops last season, including 10 for losses, and three sacks. Davis was next with 67 tackles, 40 unassisted, and Barto was third with 61.

The secondary lost three starters and returns only sophomore free safety Jeremy Williams, who recorded 53 tackles and one interception.

Returning players who could contend for jobs in the secondary include cornerbacks Dominic Calloway, a sophomore, and junior Herbert Kendall; senior strong safety Sid Smith; and sophomore free safety Chris Michael. Stobart and his staff, recognizing the need for immediate help in the secondary, signed five junior college players who could make an impact.

Sophomore Joe Allison, who set a Memphis State record for 50-yard-plus field goals last season with three, will handle placekicking duties. Allison was 10 of 15 on field goals.

Junior Jeff Buffaloe is the leading contender for the punting job. A former Austin Peay player, Buffaloe transferred to his hometown school, and his coaches feel he has the potential to become one of the finest punters in Tiger history.

"Everything is there for a successful season," Benton says. "I believe we've got a good chance to put it all together." ■

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tucky; Eugene Chung, Virginia Tech; Bob Garman, Washington State; Justin Hall, Notre Dame; Jesse Hardwick, Fresno State; Paul Hutchins, Western Michigan; Peni Iosefa, San Jose State; Chuck Johnson, Texas; Jim Johnson, Michigan State; Tre Johnson, Temple; Lincoln Kennedy, Washington; Tony Laster, Illinois; Kevin Mancini, Florida State; Scott Miller, Pitt; Michael Moody, Southern Cal; Tony Nichols, San Diego State; Craig Novitsky, UCLA; Christopher Perez, Kansas; John Ray, West Virginia; Willie Roaf, Louisiana Tech; Ray Roberts, Virginia; Randy Schneider, Indiana; Tom Scott, East Carolina; Leon Searcy, Miami, Fla.; Greg Skrepenak, Michigan; Todd Steussie, California; Brad Sullivan, New Mexico; Mark White, Florida; Bob Whitfield, Stanford.

Offensive Guards—Brian Bollinger, North Carolina; Brian Cassidy, Stanford; Derrick Deese, Southern Cal; Jason Duvall, Texas Tech; Jeb Flesch, Clemson; Mike Gisler, Houston; Paul Jacobson, Central Michigan; Melvin Johnson, Fresno State; Monte Jones, Baylor; Carlson Leomiti, San Diego State; Everett Lindsay, Mississippi; Chafan Marsh, Southern Mississippi; Mike Morris, Florida State; Will Shields, Nebraska; Tim Simpson, Illinois; John Turnpaugh, Baylor.

Centers—Kevin Brothen, Vanderbilt; Shawn Ching, Hawaii; Mike Compton, West Virginia; Mike Devlin, Iowa; Cal Dixon, Florida; John Fisher, Tennessee; Steve Gordon, California; Jay Leeuwenburg, Colorado; Chris Sestili, Pitt; Steve Slater, New Mexico; Randy Wallace, Oklahoma.

Defensive Tackles—James Atkins, Southwestern Louisiana; Marc Boutte, LSU; Gilbert Brown, Kansas; Mike Chalenski, UCLA; Brad Culpepper, Florida; Steve Emtman, Washington (first sophomore ever to win the Morris Trophy as the Pac-10's top defensive lineman); Mike Evans, Michigan; Sean Gilbert, Pitt; Jim Gray, West Virginia; Keith Hamilton, Pitt; Tommy Jeter, Texas; Matt LaBounty, Oregon; Chester McGlockton, Clemson; James Patton, Texas; George Rooks, Syracuse; Stacey Satterwhite, Oklahoma State; Alonzo Spellman, Ohio State; Larry Webster, Maryland; George Williams, Notre Dame; Jeff Zgonina, Purdue.

Nose Guards—Rob Bodine, Clemson; Joey Couch, Kentucky; Pat Engelbert, Nebraska; Kevin Mitchell, Syracuse; Mark Ross, Bowling Green; Joel Steed, Colorado; Robert Stewart, Alabama; Walter Tate, Auburn; Marcus Woods, Oregon.

Outside Linebackers-Defensive Ends—Kurt Barber, Southern Cal; Marco Coleman, Georgia Tech; Cornell Collier, California; Roosevelt Collins, Texas Christian; Anthony Curl, Texas; Howard Dinkins, Florida State; Santana Dotson, Baylor; Shane Dronett, Texas; Matt Eberflus, Toledo; Eric Gash, North Carolina; Ron George, Stanford; Donald Jones, Washington; Robin Jones, Baylor; Bill Johnson, Michigan State; Phillip Kent, Mississippi; Levon Kirkland, Clemson; Edward Lair, Long Beach State; Ricardo McDonald, Pitt; Chris Slade, Virginia; Elnardo Webster, Rutgers; Marc Woodard, Mississippi State.

Inside Linebackers—Arnold Ale, UCLA; Erick Anderson, Michigan; Brooks Barta, Kansas State; Rocky Biegel, BYU; Joe Bowden, Oklahoma; Chuck Bullough, Michigan State; Kirk Carruthers, Florida State; Dan Conley, Syracuse; John Derby, Iowa; Mark D'Onofrio, Penn State; Earnest Fields, Tennessee; Steve Grant, West Virginia; Mark Hagen, Indiana; Dwight Hollier, North Carolina; Marvin Jones, Florida State; Robert Jones, East Carolina (the nation's top returning tackler with 167); Ryan McCoy, Houston; Tim Paulk, Florida; Jason Pohopek, Boston College; William Sims, Southwestern Louisiana; John Sullins, Alabama; Tommy Thigpen, North Carolina; Arnie Williams, Southern Mississippi; Chris Wilson, Oklahoma; Matt Wingo, Texas Tech; Barron Wortham, Texas-El Paso. ■

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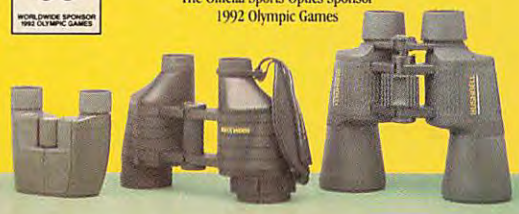
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Indianapolis Colts
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Cincinnati Bengals
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Cleveland Browns
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N. 17 at N.Y. Giants—4:00
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D. 8 NEW ORLEANS—12:00
D. 15 at Philadelphia—1:00
D. 22 ATLANTA—12:00

New York Giants
S. 2 SAN FRANCISCO (Mon.)—9:00
S. 8 L.A. RAMS—1:00
S. 15 at Chicago—12:00
S. 22 CLEVELAND—1:00
S. 29 at Dallas—12:00
O. 6 PHOENIX—4:00
O. 14 at Pittsburgh (Mon.)—9:00
O. 27 WASHINGTON (Sun. Night)—8:00
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N. 10 at Phoenix—2:00
N. 17 DALLAS—4:00
N. 24 at Tampa Bay—1:00
D. 1 at Cincinnati—4:00
D. 8 PHILADELPHIA—1:00
D. 15 at Washington—4:00
D. 21 HOUSTON (Sat.)—12:30

Philadelphia Eagles
S. 1 at Green Bay—12:00
S. 8 PHOENIX—1:00
S. 15 at Dallas—12:00
S. 22 PITTSBURGH—1:00
S. 30 at Washington (Mon.)—9:00
O. 6 at Tampa Bay—1:00
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D. 2 at Houston (Mon.)—8:00
D. 8 at N.Y. Giants—1:00
D. 15 DALLAS—1:00
D. 22 WASHINGTON—4:00

Phoenix Cardinals
S. 1 at L.A. Rams—1:00
S. 8 at Philadelphia—1:00
S. 15 at Washington—1:00
S. 22 DALLAS (Sun. Night)—5:00
S. 29 NEW ENGLAND—1:00
O. 6 at N.Y. Giants—4:00
O. 13 at Minnesota—12:00
O. 20 ATLANTA—1:00
O. 27 MINNESOTA—2:00
N. 3 at Dallas—12:00
N. 10 N.Y. GIANTS—2:00
N. 17 at San Francisco—1:00
N. 24 PHILADELPHIA—2:00
D. 8 WASHINGTON—2:00
D. 15 at Denver—2:00
D. 22 NEW ORLEANS—2:00

Washington Redskins
S. 1 DETROIT (Sun. Night)—8:00
S. 9 at Dallas (Mon.)—8:00
S. 15 PHOENIX—1:00
S. 22 at Cincinnati—1:00
S. 30 PHILADELPHIA (Mon.)—9:00
O. 6 at Chicago—12:00
O. 13 CLEVELAND—1:00
O. 27 at N.Y. Giants (Sun. Night)—8:00
N. 3 HOUSTON—1:00
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N. 17 at Pittsburgh—1:00
N. 24 DALLAS—1:00
D. 1 at L.A. Rams—1:00
D. 8 at Phoenix—2:00
D. 15 N.Y. GIANTS—4:00
D. 22 at Philadelphia—4:00

CENTRAL

Chicago Bears
S. 1 MINNESOTA—3:00
S. 8 at Tampa Bay—1:00
S. 15 N.Y. GIANTS—12:00
S. 23 N.Y. JETS (Mon.)—8:00
S. 29 at Buffalo—1:00
O. 6 WASHINGTON—12:00
O. 17 at Green Bay (Thurs. Night)—6:30
O. 27 at New Orleans—12:00
N. 3 DETROIT—12:00
N. 11 at Minnesota (Mon.)—8:00
N. 17 at Indianapolis—1:00
N. 24 MIAMI—12:00
N. 28 at Detroit (Thanks.)—12:30
D. 8 GREEN BAY—12:00
D. 14 TAMPA BAY (Sat.)—11:30
D. 23 at San Francisco (Mon.)—6:00

Detroit Lions
S. 1 at Washington (Sun. Night)—8:00
S. 8 GREEN BAY—1:00
S. 15 MIAMI—1:00
S. 22 at Indianapolis—12:00
S. 29 TAMPA BAY—1:00
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N. 17 L.A. RAMS—4:00
N. 24 at Minnesota—12:00
N. 28 CHICAGO (Thanks.)—12:30
D. 8 N.Y. JETS—4:00
D. 15 at Green Bay—12:00
D. 22 at Buffalo—1:00

Green Bay Packers
S. 1 PHILADELPHIA—12:00
S. 8 at Detroit—1:00
S. 15 TAMPA BAY—12:00
S. 22 at Miami—1:00
S. 29 at L.A. Rams—1:00
O. 6 DALLAS at Milw.—12:00
O. 17 CHICAGO (Thurs. Night)—6:30
O. 27 at Tampa Bay—1:00
N. 3 at N.Y. Jets—1:00
N. 10 BUFFALO at Milw.—12:00
N. 17 MINNESOTA—12:00
N. 24 INDIANAPOLIS at Milw.—12:00
D. 1 at Atlanta—1:00
D. 8 at Chicago—12:00
D. 15 DETROIT—12:00
D. 21 at Minnesota (Sat.)—3:00

Minnesota Vikings
S. 1 at Chicago—3:00
S. 8 at Atlanta—1:00
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S. 22 at New Orleans—12:00
S. 29 DENVER (Sun. Night)—7:00
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O. 13 PHOENIX—12:00
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D. 8 at Tampa Bay (Sun. Night)—8:00
D. 15 L.A. RAMS—12:00
D. 22 GREEN BAY—3:00

Tampa Bay Buccaneers
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Atlanta Falcons
S. 1 at Kansas City—12:00
S. 8 MINNESOTA—1:00
S. 15 at San Diego—1:00
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New Orleans Saints
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San Francisco 49ers
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Quarterback's Quandary: Defensive Disguises

by Peter Finney

Ace. King. Queen. Regular. Ten of Clubs.

Cloud. Sky. Psycho. Ralph. Larry. Suzy. Sally. Sara. Sandy. Sadie. Flora. Mary. Mabel. Meg. Cindy. Candy. Carol.

This is no rap session, no card game, no dance at the high school gym.

This is the language of football, defensive football.

In the ongoing maneuvering before the snap, depending on the team, it can all mean something as you play the guessing game of moves and countermoves.

Unless you're sitting awfully close to the action, you can't hear the rapid-fire signals that send defensive players, particularly linebackers and defensive backs, scurrying around like pieces on a chessboard.

When the no-huddle offense returned to the scene (Oklahoma was using it in the 1950s more as a football fast break), the main idea was to give the offense the luxury of running a play before the defense could counter with specialty substitutions, usually involving what the coaches call nickel (five defensive backs), dime (six DBs) and quarter (seven DBs) packages.

While the offense tries to disguise its intentions with multiple formations and motion, the defense is doing the same thing from the time the offense breaks the huddle to the moment the quarterback takes the snap from center.

A team will show a two-deep zone and jump into a three-deep zone just before the snap.

Some teams will show a four-across alignment before every play, then move into some kind of zone or man coverage as the quarterback is going through his cadence.

"The bottom line for the pro team as well as the college team has the offense looking for mismatches and the defense trying to keep it from happening," says Gene Stallings, who went from the Phoenix Cardinals to Alabama. "The major difference is, in college, you have to concern yourself with defending the option and with the quarterback running the ball. Usually, this means less man-to-man and more zone."

The first thing all defenses do, college and pro, is recognition. Usually the first call for any defense is geared to indentifying the offense's players on the field. Which brings us to the calls that set everything in motion: Ace (one running back, two tight ends); King (three wide receivers, one tight end, one running back); Queen (three wide receivers, two running backs); Regular (two running backs, one tight end, two wide receivers); Ten of Clubs (four wide receivers, one running back).

Besides calls signifying the offensive cast, there are the calls telling the defensive backs what their responsibilities are. Cloud can mean that the cornerback will be forcing on run support. Shy can mean that the safety will force. Psycho indicates a change in the zone call. Ralph is zone rotation to the right. Larry is zone rotation to the left.

And so on.

One of the more prevalent disguises involving zone coverage shows two deep, going to three deep before the snap. The idea is simple: A quarterback coming to the line and seeing three deep might be inclined to attack the three deep where it is weakest—with quick outs by the wide receivers (diagram 1). On the flip side, if the quarterback can anticipate two-deep coverage, he can go to a play that attacks the weak points of that alignment, that is, send his wide-outs deep down the sidelines and send his tight end down the middle (diagram 2), where the strong safety and free safety each are responsible for half the field in the deep zones.

"Every defense has its weakness," says Don James, longtime head coach at the University of Washington. "The idea is to find it and hit it."

Since the guessing game always is aimed at confusing the coach on the field, the quarterback, the defense that shows blitz in passing situations and doesn't blitz can result in negative plays for the offense. As the offense comes to the line of scrimmage and the quarterback is surveying the situation, the safeties can be the keys to confusion. The free safety can cheat way up (diagram 3) from his deep position, showing blitz, while the strong safety crowds up on the outside, doing the same thing. As the quarterback goes through his cadence, the safeties can retreat into a two-deep zone (diagram 4), hoping the quarterback has made a blitz call and giving his running backs, who remain in the backfield in blitz situations, something to worry about.

Defensive coaches spend more than a little time investigating a quarterback's cadence and looking for any sign that might tip off a play. The position of the hands under center can be a clue. Some quarterbacks have the habit of putting one hand under center as he barks signals and the other hand under just before he takes the snap.

Except for a tipoff, the biggest weapon a defense can have, other than great players, is the ability to create a moment's doubt in the mind of the quarterback and, beyond that, the receivers whose pass routes can hinge on the coverage.

The four-across look before the snap that can change quickly into a three-deep zone (diagram 5) or a two-deep zone (diagram 6) shows what the pitcher and his catchers can be facing.

Responsibilities change with the call as linebackers and defensive backs shift and backtrack, putting themselves in the best position to make a play.

As for man-to-man coverages, they depend largely on the quality of the athlete. Just as the zone defense can help a team mask some of its individual deficiencies, double coverage in man defenses can be employed effectively against top-flight receivers. Ordinarily, it's up to the quarterback to spot immediately which of his receivers is being doubled and go to a second or third target as the situation dictates.

In most cases, double coverage can be disguised more easily than zone. For example, from the same defensive alignment, you can have double coverage on the two outside receivers (diagram 7) or the two inside receivers (diagram 8). Obviously, responsibilities vary with the call. It's up to the quarterback to make the proper read as he retreats into the pocket, and this can be a sticky problem since the defensive backs and backers can feint one way or another before locking onto their man.

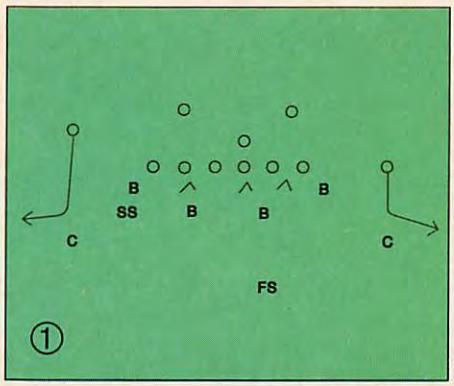
The use of motion by the offense creates yet another set of problems but still doesn't rule out doubling a top receiver. The offense uses motion to force the defense's hand, but this doesn't prevent the defense from mak-

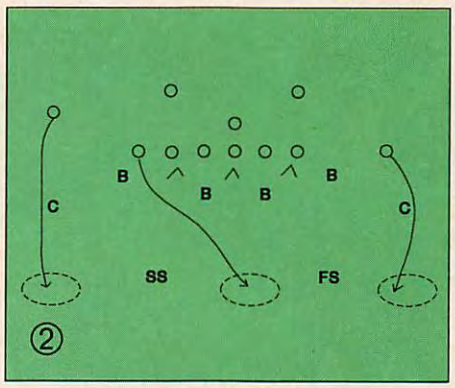
ing the offense guess. If the man in motion is the man you want doubled, it can be done in two ways: with the free safety helping the cornerback or with the strong safety and corner doing the job. In both cases, the corner involved is moving with the receiver. If the free safety is involved in double coverage, the corner is responsible for the inside. If the strong safety is involved, the corner must overrun any motion and protect the outside, leaving the inside to the strong safety.

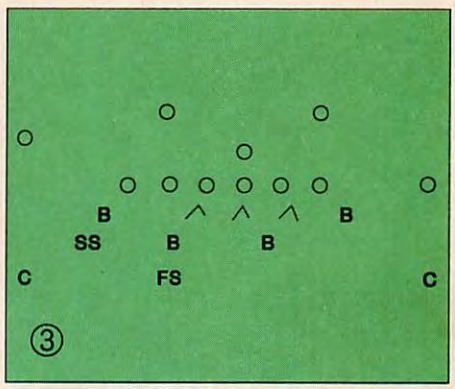
Perhaps the toughest job any secondary faces is defending the run-and-shoot, if only because it's an offense based on receivers running disciplined but free-lance routes as they "read on the run."

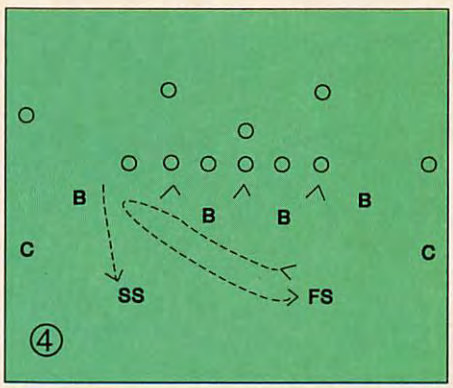
Here again the guessing game continues. From the offense's standpoint, a rule of thumb says when the defense has "five men in the box," it's better to audible to a run if a pass has been called. On the other hand, if the defense has six in the box, it's better to throw because the numbers are in your favor. The defense tries to offset this by cheating with the free safety, moving him in and out of the box to tempt the offense to make the wrong percentage call. Because of the accent on passing, nickel and dime defensive backs figure in virtually all schemes against the run-and-shoot. And their jobs usually involve man coverage with five receivers on the prowl.

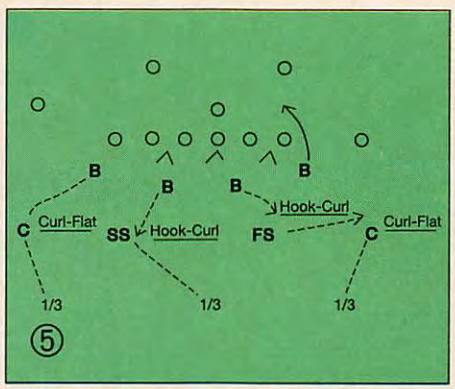
"When you see a receiver running free," says new LSU Coach Curley Hallman, "it's usually a case of a blown assignment. And when you see a quarterback throw the ball right into the hands of a defensive back, it's usually a case of the quarterback making the wrong read or a receiver running the wrong route. While football is a game for big men, there's an awful lot going on out there that is more mental than physical." ■

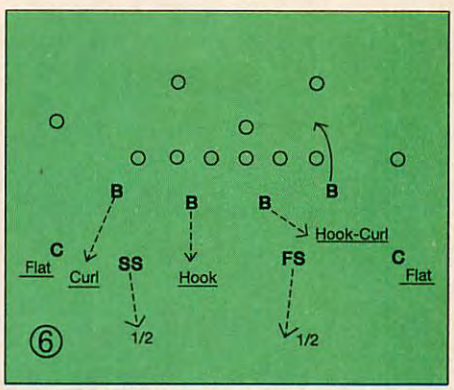




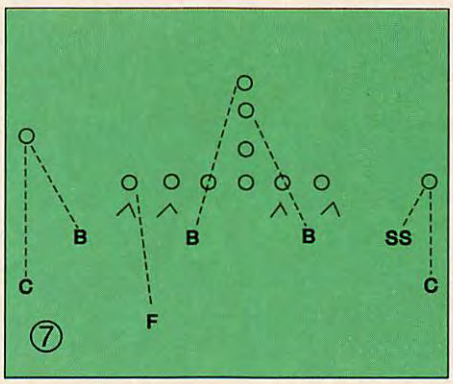


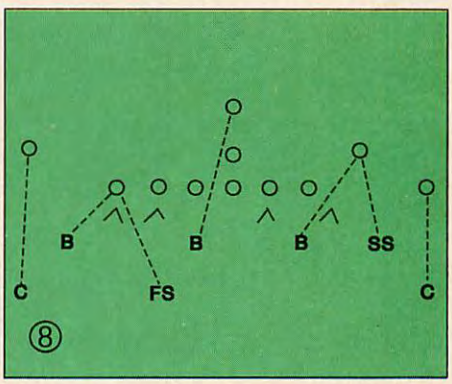


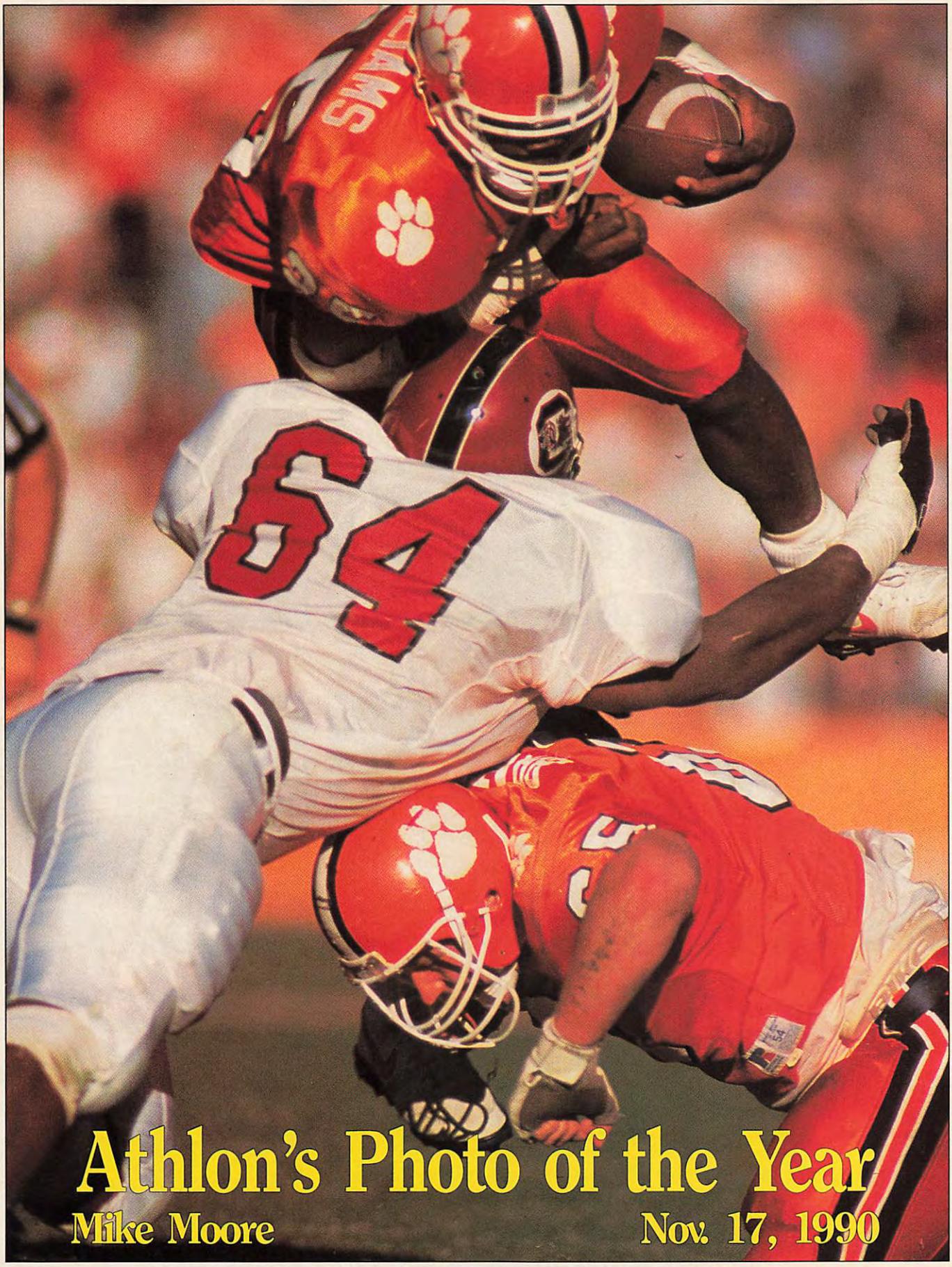




Football is a game of moves and countermoves, some designed to exploit guesses gone awry, as these diagrams illustrate.

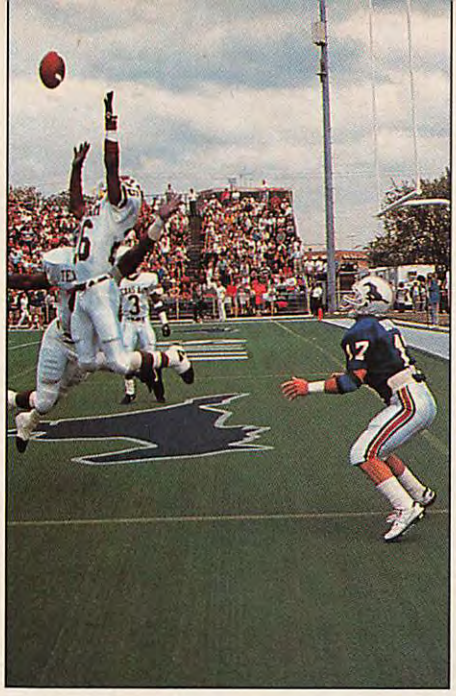


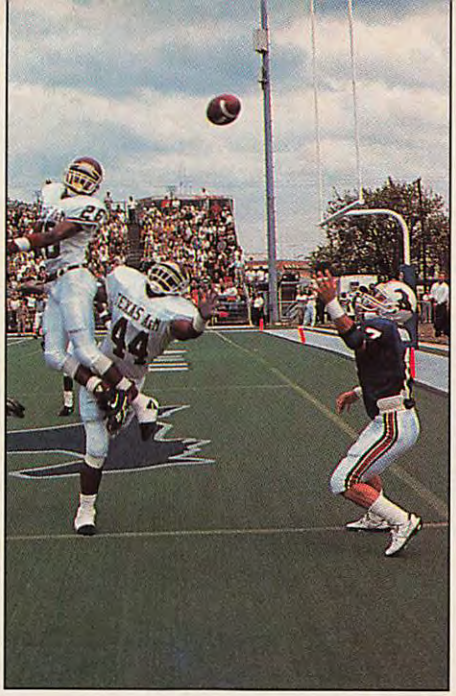


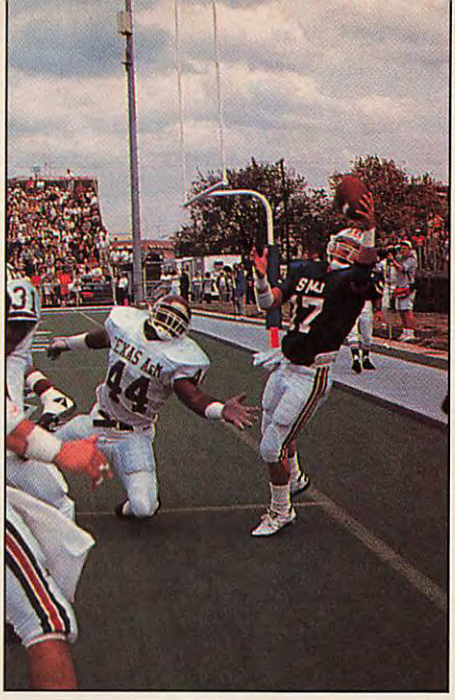


Athlon's Photo of the Year

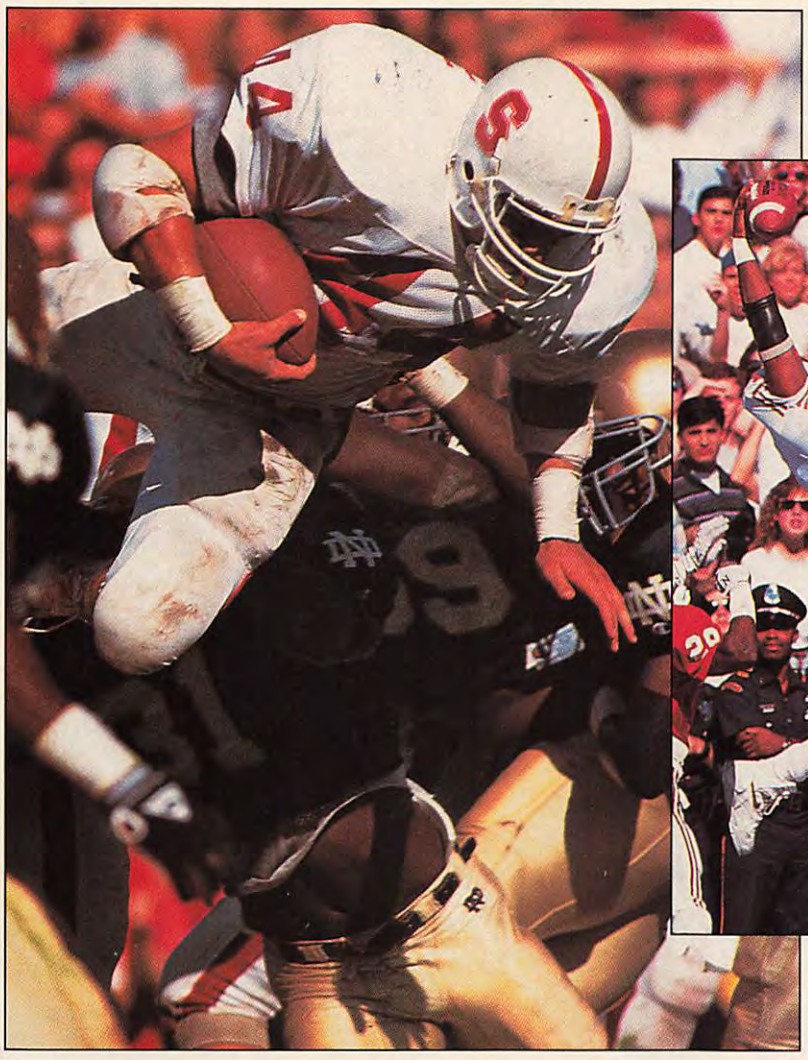
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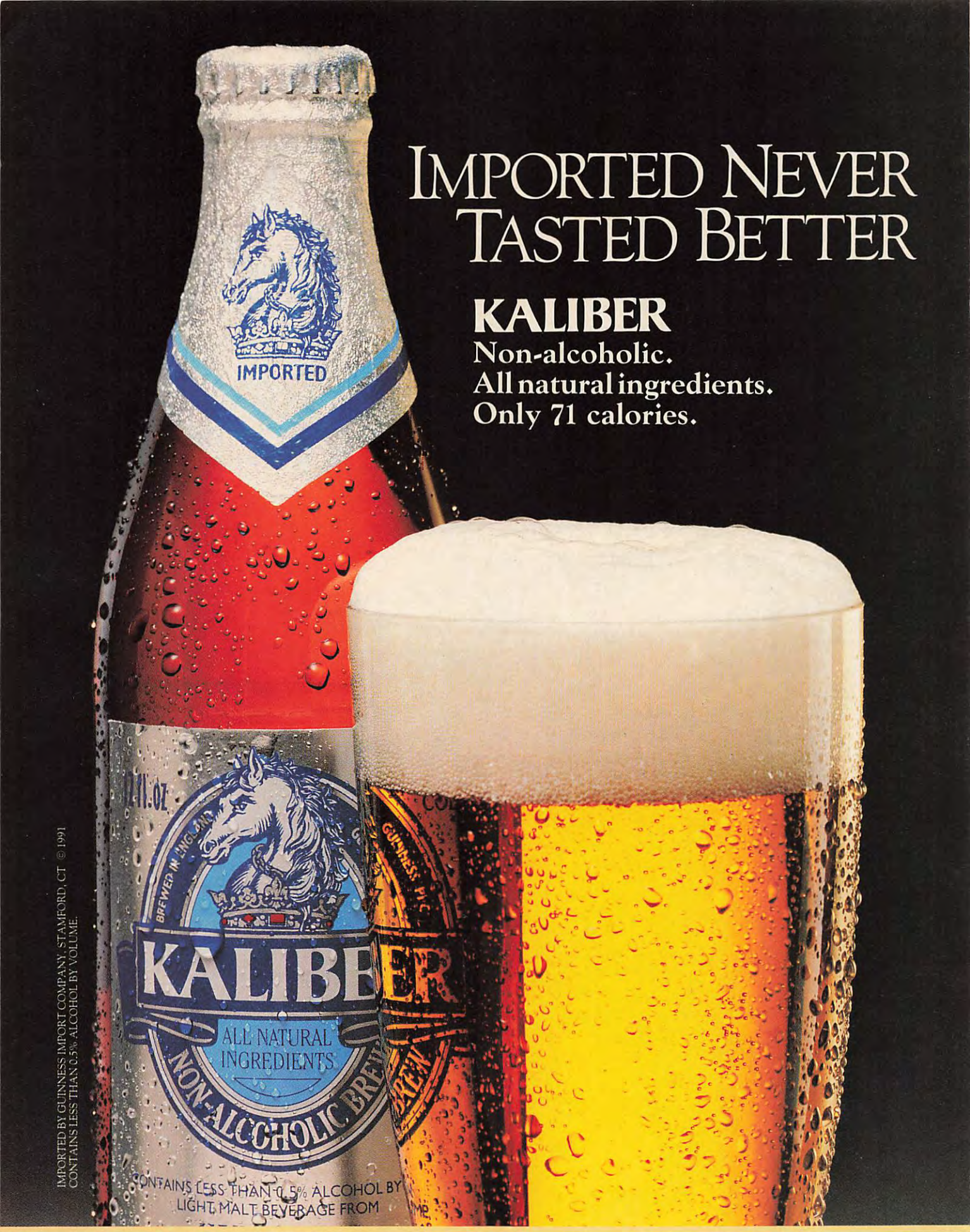


Photographer Mike Moore of Rome, Ga., has earned *Athlon*'s Photo of the Year honors with his dramatic shot from the Clemson-South Carolina game (opposite page). Mike, a veteran *Athlon* shooter, is hard to beat, but Layne Murdoch of Dallas came close with his sequence (above) of a Michael Bowen touchdown catch for SMU and his shot of Kerry Cash (below, inset) doing the same for Texas against Oklahoma. Chicago's Steve Woltmann made his bid by capturing Stanford's Tommy Vardell (below) as he dived for the game-winning score against Notre Dame. Congratulations to the photographers who make our college books the most action-packed on the newsstands.



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City Westmoore. *Parade* magazine All-American Luke Bencie (6–4, 200) of Sarasota (Fla.) Riverview will get a shot at quarterback. Running back Darwin Anderson (5–11, 195) of Winter Park and defensive lineman Ellis Johnson (6–3, 275) of Wildwood are Florida Super Seniors.

GEORGIA

Zeier is not the only prep star Ray Goff is bringing to Athens. Offensive lineman Mike Fredenburg (6–5, 290) of Kennesaw (Ga.) North Cobb and linebacker Mario Nolan (6–3, 220) of Memphis (Tenn.) Hamilton both made *USA TODAY* second-team All-America. Goff raided the junior college ranks for fullback Wilson Kauvaka (6–2, 255) of St. George (Utah) Dixie College, defensive lineman Tom Wallace (6–6, 275) of Santa Maria (Calif.) Allan Hancock JC and linebacker Michael Hambrick (6–1, 230) of San Francisco (Calif.) JC.

KENTUCKY

Bill Curry did a super job of keeping in-state players at home, especially Hood, lineman Andy Britt (6–4, 240) of Russellville, and linebackers David Snardon (6–2, 205) of Louisville Male and Emerson Wells (6–3, 225) of Paducah Tilghman. The 'Cats also made an impact on Long Island, attracting three players from Bellport, N.Y., including all-star center Jeff Cipp (6–2, 215) and all-star defensive back Antonio O'Ferral (5–10, 180).

LSU

The Tigers, despite signing only three of the state's top 10 prospects, are bringing four impact recruits into the SEC, led by defensive back Rodney Young (6–2, 205) of Ruston, La., and quarterback Ryan Huffman (6–3, 205) of Houston Clear Lake, one of Texas' top all-around athletes. Tight end Brandon Stelly (6–4, 248) of Opelousas (La.) Catholic and running back John McClain (6–1, 215) of Cartersville, Ga., complete the impact quartet. Late signee Robert Thibodeaux (6–4, 245) of River Ridge John Curtis and linebacker Robert Deshotel (6–2, 225) of Lake Charles LaGrange are other in-state signees of note.

MISSISSIPPI

The Rebels scored well in the junior college ranks, shoring up their kicking game by signing two All-Americans: Richard Chisolm (6–0, 190), a punter from Holmes (Miss.) JC, and John Ross (6–1, 170), a placekicker from Butler (Kan.) CC. Linebacker Lynn Ross (6–0, 215) from Hinds (Miss.) JC and running back Cory Philpot (5–10, 180) of Itawamba (Miss.) JC also are expected to help early. Offensive tackle Shane Padgett (6–5, 275) of Oak Grove is the top in-state high school talent signed.

MISSISSIPPI STATE

Despite a late start, Jackie Sherrill shored up some needs with Josh Siefkin (6–0, 180), a kicker from Atlanta Lakeside, and incredible hulk Steve McWilliams (6–6, 270) of Meridian, Miss. He also reached into suburban New Orleans and Florida's panhandle for size, signing Melvin Hayes (6–6, 330) of River Ridge John Curtis and Brian Wright (6–5, 275), a straight-A student from Fort Walton Beach.

TENNESSEE

The Vols struck gold at quarterback, running back and towering trenchmen, but they complemented that terrific talent with kicker John Becksvoort (6–0, 160) of Chattanooga (Tenn.) Red Bank, All-Mississippi Juco receiver Carlos Bonner (6–2, 190) of Mississippi Delta JC and linebacker Ben Talley (6–3, 220) of Griffin, Ga.

VANDERBILT

Top signees are All-Ohio defensive back Derrick Atterberry (6–1, 180) of Dayton Patterson, offensive lineman Richard Saenz (6–3, 240) of Houston Klein Forest and kicker Rob Juliano (5–10, 175) of Mount Laurel (N.J.) Lenape Regional. Largest newcomer is Robert Reynolds (6–6, 310) of Louisville (Ky.) Male.

FLORIDA STATE

Other *Parade* All-Americans from Florida, not previously mentioned, are linebacker Tyrant Marion (6–3, 230) of Pompano Beach Ely and receiver Phillip Riley (6–0, 175) of Orlando Jones. Joining Smith, Brooks and Frey as Florida Super Seniors signed are defensive linemen Derrick Alexander (6–5, 255) of Jacksonville Raines and Roosevelt Givens (6–1, 275) of Dunedin, and defensive back Devin Bush (6–0, 185) of Hialeah Miami Lakes.

LOUISIANA TECH

The Bulldogs concentrated on homegrowns from Ruston and junior college transfers. Linebacker Terrance Hicks (6–2, 205), running back Matthew Sumrall (5–11, 200) and tight end Bryan Mason (6–1, 240) all played for Ruston's powerful high school team. Jucos include receiver John Henry (5–9, 170) of Fort Scott, Kan., and tight end John Sweeney (6–5, 240) of Cisco, Texas.

LOUISVILLE

Quarterback Marty Lowe (6–2, 193) of Chattanooga (Tenn.) Red Bank, who enrolled at midterm, is the key to this class. It's doubly strong at quarterback because of Scott Thompson (6–5, 205) of Tuscumbia (Ala.) Deshler, who played in the Alabama-Mississippi all-star game. Jason Stinson (6–4, 235), a defensive lineman from Fairdale, was a Kentucky All-Southern selection. The Cardinals signed six Floridians, led by kicker Ken Harnden (5–9, 160) of Sarasota Riverview.

MEMPHIS STATE

The Tigers signed six California Jucos and complemented them with All-Southern selections from Georgia and Memphis. Quarterback Eric Robinson (5–11, 190) of Fullerton and running back Cliff Robinson (5–9, 170) of Los Angeles Valley lead the Jucos. Quarterback Darrell Williams (6–1, 170) of Memphis Westwood and defensive back Frank Fletcher (5–10, 180) of Lindale (Ga.) Pepperell are the prep stars.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The Gamecocks won the in-state battle with Clemson for the first time in memory, signing the state's top running back in Brandon Bennett (6–1, 197) of Greer Riverside, the fastest defensive back in track hurdler Norman Greene (6–2, 190) of Sumter, the top-ranked quarterback in Blake Williamson (6–2, 190) of Anderson Hanna and the top punter, perhaps in the nation, in Derwin Jeffcoat (6–2, 210) of Hanna-Pamlico. Also, defensive lineman Mike Washington (6–2, 290) of Milledgeville (Ga.) Baldwin County crossed the border.

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

Nose guard Joel Baylor (6–2, 248) of Meridian, Miss., and small-school Alabama star quarterback Josh Niblett (6–2, 185) of Demopolis Academy are the big names. Adam Kennedy (6–2, 190), an all-state receiver from Panama City (Fla.) Mosley, and Willie Turnage (6–2, 205), a touted linebacker from Gulfport, Miss., are others to remember.

SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA

Home-grown all-stars Brian Sansalone (6–5, 260), an offensive tackle from Slidell, and Mike Shafer (5–9, 165), a kicking specialist from Mathews Central Lafourche, join speedsters Lamus Haynes (6–1, 175), a defensive back/receiver from Destrehan, La., and Juco transfer Jamereal Wright (6–3, 275), a defensive lineman from Navarro (Texas) JC.

TULANE

All-star linebacker P.J. Smith (6–1, 210) of St. Amant, La., and three quarterbacks from Texas and Florida highlight this class. Bob Asylsworth (6–0, 180) of Irving MacArthur is the Texan. Ryan Thomas (6–2, 180) of Winter Park Lake Howell and Keith Harris (6–0, 180) of Pensacola are the Floridians, and all are good enough athletes to play several different positions. A fourth quarterback, Tracey Watts (6–4, 210) of Pass Christian, Miss., lends depth to the position. Biggest name among the linemen is Texan David Whitehead (6–3, 260) of Port Neches-Groves. ■

SW LOUISIANA

James Atkins chuckles when asked why he chose Southwestern Louisiana over LSU, Houston, Georgia and Mississippi State.

"It's a funny thing," says Atkins, the Ragin' Cajuns' all-star junior defensive tackle from Amite, La. "I took a visit to LSU, and I liked the people and everything. Then I came here (to USL). I really liked it, plus I had a cousin (Stanley Hall) playing football here. I just felt good about it.

"I was supposed to visit Houston the weekend after signing day. Well, the day before, one of the coaches here called me and said that they sure wanted me to sign. I told him to hold on for a second.

"I asked my daddy what he thought, and he said, 'If you like the school, you ought to go there.' I told him I liked it but that I wanted to see what the other schools were like. Then Daddy said, 'You know, you like to come home a lot. If you go to Houston, you won't have the opportunity to do that much.'

"So I got back on the phone and said, 'OK, coach, I'll sign with y'all.' "

He was a great catch for the Ragin' Cajuns. As a freshman, Atkins was voted All-Louisiana after making 78 tackles (six behind the line of scrimmage), third-best on the team.

A year ago, despite a knee injury that caused him to miss part of the season, Atkins had 52 tackles (five behind the line) and three sacks.

Atkins is one of those rare athletes who combines size (6–6, 275) with speed (5.0 in the 40), explosiveness (26-inch vertical leap) and grace.

He was also a major college basketball recruit after averaging 32 points and 15 rebounds per game his senior season in high school. Indiana, Louisiana Tech and Arkansas were among those who wanted him to choose basketball over football.

"But I just thought I could go further in football," Atkins says. "I think I can make the NFL some day. In basketball, there are a lot of guys my size who can shoot."

Atkins takes football seriously. Before a game, he goes into what he describes as "a trance."

"I remember before we played Alabama my freshman season," he says. "I was sitting in the dressing room thinking about how I'd watched Alabama on television all my life, about how much they had won over the years, about Bear Bryant.

"I was so quiet, everybody thought I was real nervous because I was a freshman. They were saying, 'Hey, you OK?' "

Atkins made 13 tackles that day.

He is one of five returning defensive starters. Senior nose guard Terrance Matthews (5–11, 262) had 59 tackles in 1990, starting only the last two games. Sophomore John Robinson (6–4, 256), who started three games, is at the other tackle.

Junior Jonas Francois (6–2, 224) is at outside linebacker. He'll be joined by senior Robert Arvie (6–3, 239), who made 17 tackles as a reserve, or senior Marshall Frank (6–1, 227), a transfer who was dominant during spring drills.

Along with Atkins, junior inside linebacker William Sims (6–3, 252) is the focus of the defense. Sims led all linebackers with 75 tackles, including 17 against Memphis State. Junior Terrance Ross (6–0, 229) is at the other inside linebacker. Sophomores Keifer Phillips (5–11, 241) and Elton Ward (5–11, 210) also figure to see action.

Two starters return in the secondary: senior cornerback Donald Collins and senior safety Peter Hypolite. Collins made 43 tackles and deflected 12 passes. Hypolite had 55 tackles and tied for the team lead with three interceptions. Juniors John Wolfe and Harold Nash provide experienced depth at the corners. Junior Rodney Duhon, sophomore Rocky Guidry and freshman Orlanda Thomas will compete at safety.

"From looking at our schedule (that includes Auburn, Arkansas and Texas A&M), we've got to be consistent defensively," says USL Coach Nelson Stokley. "We came out of the spring feeling good about our defense, even though we lost quality people. It's a solid two-deep unit. Some of our younger players came a long way in the spring."

Offensively, the Ragin' Cajuns will have an entirely new look. After they averaged only 301.8 yards per game last season, Stokley junked the run-and-shoot in favor of the Pro-I. He liked what he saw during spring drills.

Seven full- or part-time starters return. But Stokley still isn't sure who will emerge as his quarterback. Both junior James Freeman and sophomore Tyjuan Hayes had good springs.

Freeman started nine games last season and passed for 1,332 yards and five touchdowns. He also rushed for 296 yards and three TDs. Hayes was the team's second-leading rusher with 371 yards. He also had the two longest runs from scrimmage.

"I don't know who we'll open with," Stokley says, "and I think that's good. It will keep us competitive."

The switch to the I-formation places heavy responsibility on the tailbacks. The top three are redshirt freshmen Steve Mocek and Todd Thomas, and junior Andre Reece, a transfer from Purdue. Mocek and Thomas were the most improved backs during spring practice.

Three junior fullbacks return from a year ago. They are Reginald Francois, Sam Eager and Damon Denaburg. Denaburg led the team in rushing with 440 yards and seven touchdowns.

One of Stokley's wrinkles this season is moving junior Wayde Butler, who caught 43 passes out of the backfield a year ago, to wide receiver.

Senior Charlie Forman and sophomore Michael Byrd share the other wide-out spot. Forman caught nine passes and is a seven-foot high-jumper on the Ragin' Cajun track team. Byrd was most valuable player in the spring game after catching six passes for 134 yards and a touchdown.

Sophomore Buck Moncla (6–1, 241), who caught just five passes last year in the run-and-shoot, figures to catch many more at tight end.

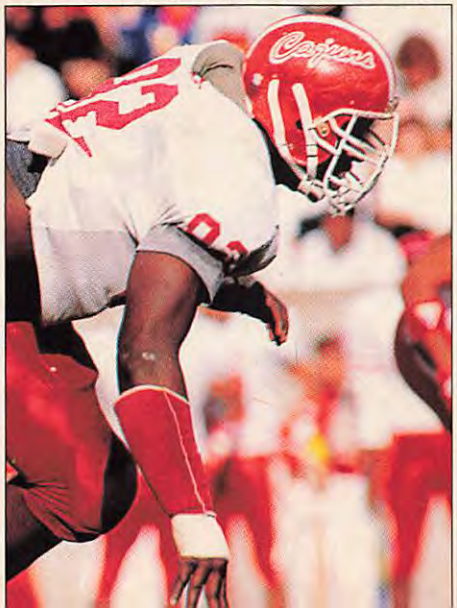
The line is anchored by senior guards Adam Johnson (6–4, 291) and Roderick Tripp (6–0, 266). Both have started the past two seasons. Johnson earned All-Louisiana honors in 1990. Senior Troy Wingerter (6–2, 265) adds depth.

Junior college transfer Kirk Champagne (6–6, 292) earned a starting spot at tackle during spring drills. Senior Louis Age (6–6, 330) is the other tackle.

Untested sophomores James Sellers (6–1, 250) and Robby Waguespack (6–0, 234) are battling for the center position.

Junior Richie Cunningham, who handled kickoff duties and was successful on his only field-goal attempt, probably will handle placekicking. Junior Randy Baggett, a backup punter the past two seasons, averaged more than 40 yards during spring work and apparently won that assignment. ■

James Atkins plays tackle in a trancelike way.



LOUISIANA TECH

When Lorenza Baker went out for the junior high school basketball team in Haughton, La., the coach asked that the players divide into groups on the first day.

"He said, 'I want all the big guys over here and all the little guys over there,' " Baker recalls. "I wasn't very big, but I went with the big guys. Coach said, 'Hey, you need to be over there.' I said, 'Why? I'm a big guy.'

"And after we played awhile, the coach realized I was pretty good, that size didn't matter."

Baker, a 5–10, 206-pound senior linebacker at Louisiana Tech, had a similar experience in football.

"My dad didn't let me play YMCA ball because my parents were always working and couldn't get me back and forth to practice," he says. "So I was really looking forward to seventh-grade football.

"First day there, first question the coach asked was how many kids had played Y ball. Most of them raised their hands. Then one of the coaches asked me my name. When I told him, he just started shaking his head. He knew my father and my father wasn't real big. I wasn't real big, either, so I guess he figured I wouldn't be any good.

"All we did that first day was run five 100-yard sprints. I won 'em all, and that kind of caught their eye."

Lorenza Baker has been doing that ever since. So has his younger brother, Myron, now a junior at Louisiana Tech. Lorenza and Myron (6–1, 213) are the outside linebackers in Tech's 4–3 defense. Myron plays on the strong side, while Lorenza lines up on the weak side. They were primary reasons Tech ranked 25th in the nation last season in total defense.

Lorenza was third on the team with 82 tackles. In the Bulldogs' 34–34 tie with Maryland in the Independence Bowl, Lorenza made 10 tackles and had one sack. He was named to the *Football News*' All-Bowl team.

Myron led Tech last year with 119 tackles, including 48 solos and four sacks.

Each made key plays in the Independence Bowl. Myron's interception just before halftime set up Tech's tying touchdown. And Lorenza's 41-yard kickoff return with 52 seconds left set up the game-tying score.

A linebacker returning kickoffs?

Lorenza has done it for three years, averaging 19.3 yards per return.

"I was a running back in high school and that's what I always wanted to play," he says. "I figured my size was perfect for running back in college, but they moved me to defense as soon as I got here."

Returning kickoffs helped take some of the sting out of the move from offense.

Lorenza says his first year at linebacker was difficult.

"I was always getting driven back by the blocker," he says. "I looked like I was wearing skates. But I learned to use my quickness and that helped a lot."

Myron has always been a defensive player.

"I never wanted to play running back, even in high school," Myron says. "I'd rather hit than be hit."

Myron downplays his 119 tackles a year ago and credits end Eric Shaw, a freshman last season, with much of his success. Shaw finished second in tackles with 108.

"Eric opened up things and made it look easy for me," Myron says. "It was the scheme we play as much as anything."

Both Bakers have their eyes on professional football. Both run a 4.5 40-yard dash.

"I might be a little small for linebacker in the pros," Lorenza says. "But I think I could make it at strong safety.

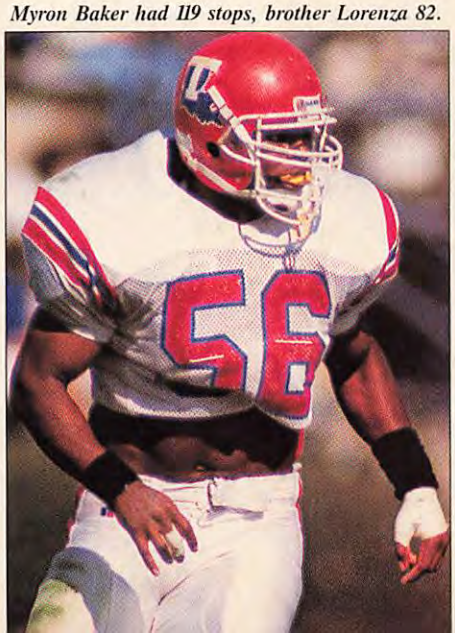
"Anyway, size doesn't mean everything. Look at Sam Mills of the (New Orleans) Saints. He's not very tall but he's a good linebacker.

"I just trust in God and keep my focus on Him. He allows you to do whatever you want to do."

Says Myron: "I'd like to play in the NFL some day. The important thing is to keep loving the game. If you're gonna go out and torture yourself, go through two-a-days, work in the weight room, you've got to love the game. If you don't, you'll be miserable.

"I'll just keep working and not thinking about how good I might be. I always say there is room for improvement. When I'm through with football, then I'll look back and say I was pretty good or that I wasn't very good at all."

Myron Baker had 119 stops, brother Lorenza 82.



But first things first. "I don't want to get that pro tunnel vision," Myron says. "I want to graduate first. No member of our immediate family (which includes three sisters) and, as far as I know, nobody in the Baker family has ever graduated from college. We want to be the first."

The Baker brothers are two of six returning starters from last year's defense that helped the Bulldogs to an 8–3–1 record, which included a two-point loss at Auburn in only their second season in Division I.

Sophomore Kavin Crawford (6–3, 272) returns at tackle and senior Howard McMahan (6–3, 236) is back at end. Senior Demise Loyd and junior Doug Evans are back at the safeties.

Junior Steve Wilson (6–1, 220) will be at end and senior Warren Brady (6–0, 230) at tackle. Junior Herman Piete (5–10, 215) is the middle linebacker. Piete played enough last season to finish fourth on the team in tackles (74). Wilson had 45 tackles and an interception, while Brady made 47 tackles.

Senior Cedric Singleton and junior Carey Broudy are the cornerbacks.

Offensively, the Bulldogs lost a lot of talent to graduation. Gone are wide receiver Bobby Slaughter and flanker Eddie Brown, who combined for 128 catches for 1,793 yards and 11 touchdowns last season. Gone, too, are three members of the line and running back Michael Richardson, who gained 1,114 yards rushing and scored 13 touchdowns.

But the cupboard isn't completely empty.

Senior quarterback Gene Johnson threw for 2,129 yards and 13 touchdowns as a junior, good for third place on Tech's all-time passing list. Junior Sam Hughes could push for playing time.

Junior running back Jason Davis contributed 929 yards rushing a year ago. He had 302 yards against Southwestern Louisiana and 211 against Arkansas State. Junior Jerald Kennedy returns at wingback after catching seven passes for 43 yards and a touchdown. Senior Tadara Joseph is at split end and junior Corey Parham is the flanker.

Senior guard Alan Apple (6–4, 257) and senior tackle Glenn Hunt (6–4, 275) are back on the right side of the line, along with junior left tackle Willie Roaf (6–5, 275).

Newcomers are junior Ruel Kirstein (6–2, 270) at left guard and sophomore Nate Goodyear (6–1, 260) at center. Junior Wade Christensen (6–3, 233) is the tight end.

Sophomore placekicker Chris Boniol made 17 of 24 field goals and 38 of 39 PATs. Junior Daryl Altic is the punter. ■

PIANO MAN

Arkansas' Greg Switzer (yes, that Switzer) displays skills not only on the gridiron but in the concert hall as well



Rap might be difficult to master on the ivories, but Greg Switzer can appease his teammates with a Floyd Cramer tune.

by Randy Riggs

By the time Greg Switzer reached his teens, he had developed a keen interest in the piano. His father could see that and, as fate would have it, had a childhood friend who had grown up to be a pretty fair piano player himself. So when Greg was 13, dad decided it was time the two met.

One day father and son got on a plane. The youngster, now a football player at the University of Arkansas, didn't know where they were bound or what was in store when they got there. But by the time they landed, he had a good idea.

"I said, 'Dad, you're taking me to see Floyd, aren't you?' " Greg recalls, telling the story some nine years later. "Dad just had this big smile on his face."

They'd landed in Nashville. "Floyd" was country music legend Floyd Cramer. Greg and his father drove to a studio where Cramer was recording, and the boy got a rare opportunity to play the immortal song "Last Date" in front of the man who made it a classic.

Cramer, Greg remembers, smoked a cigarette and smiled knowingly as he listened to the haunting, familiar refrain. Next to him was his old Arkansas neighbor, Greg's dad, who was something of a legend himself: Barry Switzer, Oklahoma football coach.

More than anything, Greg wants to be known as Greg Switzer first and Barry's son second. But he also wants it known that being Barry's son has been, and will continue to be, a pleasure. There are too many good memories for it to be anything else.

So don't look for self-pity from this offspring of a famous personality.

"It's part of my life and I don't worry about it," he says. "I know he loves me and he knows I love him. To me, he's just my dad, not Barry Switzer the football coach."

"The one thing Greg and all my children know," adds the elder Switzer, now an ex-football coach, "is that their father loves them more than anything in this world. They don't have to question that."

Like most 22-year-olds, Greg is just starting out in life, trying to establish his own identity. Partly for that reason, when he graduated

from Little Rock Central High School, he decided to attend his dad's alma mater, the University of Arkansas, instead of Oklahoma.

"I'd have loved to coach him," Barry says. "But he did what he thought was right. I respected that."

"I felt going to Oklahoma would be too much pressure," says Greg. "Being from Arkansas and having a lot of my buddies from school going here had a lot to do with it. But I wanted my own identity, too. I felt that my identity was at stake.

"I'll tell you this, though: If he wasn't my dad, if he were John Doe, I would have loved playing for him. Dad was a great players' coach."

Although Greg Switzer remains an excellent pianist, playing occasionally at a club in Fayetteville, he has, in some ways, followed his dad's path. Walking on at Arkansas after being the most valuable defensive player of his high school's state championship team, he earned a scholarship with the Razorbacks during 1990 spring practice.

Greg is the first Switzer to play football for Arkansas since his dad in the late 1950s. Primarily a special-teams performer, the defensive end-linebacker doesn't feel he must live up to the name stitched across the back of his jersey.

"There are some people who perceive you not for who you are, but who your dad is," Switzer says. "But I can't worry about that. I have my friends who accept me as Greg, and those are the people who matter to me."

Because of the nature of their dad's job, the Switzer kids—Greg, Kathy and Doug—were raised primarily by their mother, Kay. Barry often was away: recruiting, speaking and handling all the other obligations that go with being the head football coach at a major college.

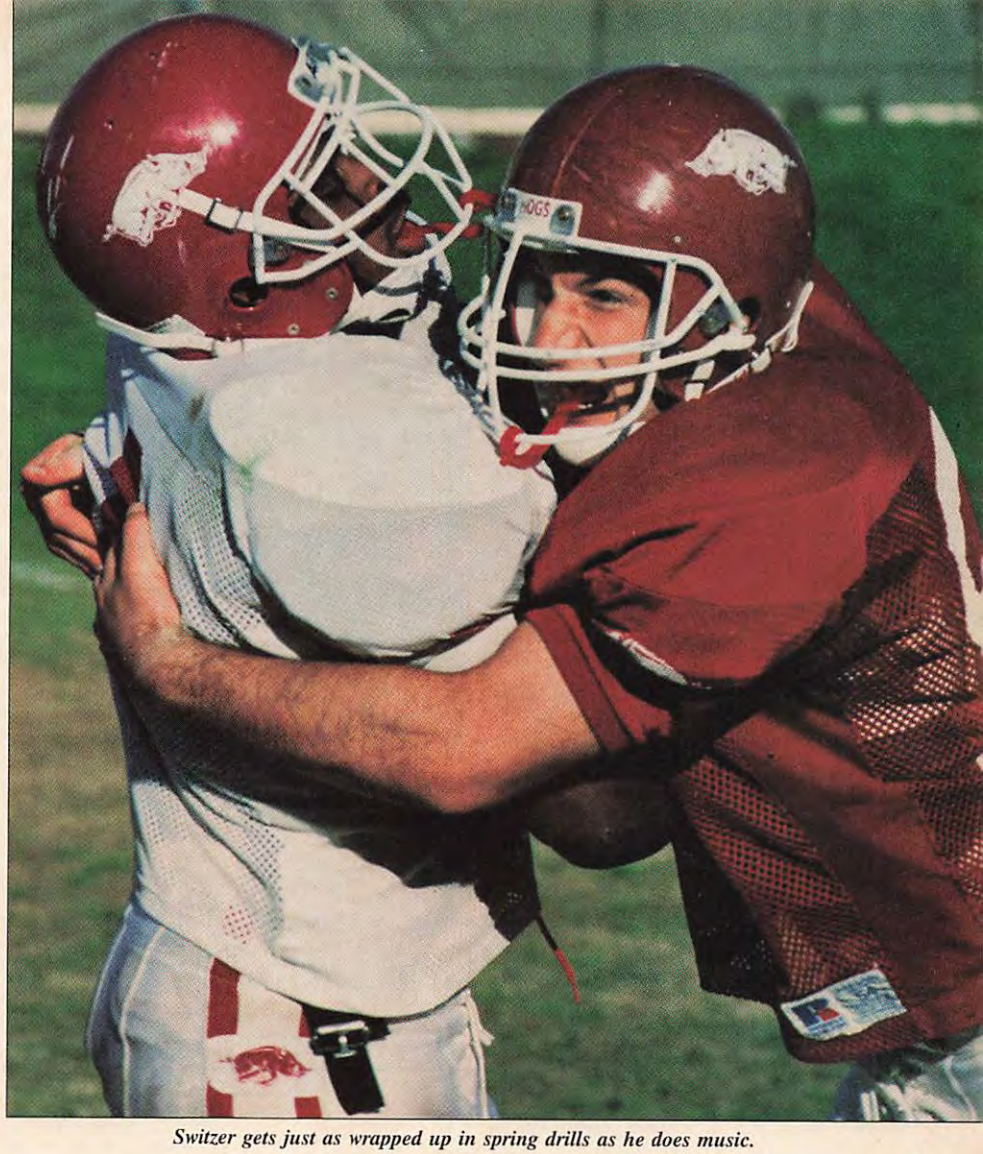
Greg estimates he was in the sixth grade when it finally occurred to him that his dad had an unusual job. "I was playing ball, and I noticed that dad couldn't come to all my games like the other kids' dads did," he says. "I remember thinking he must be a little different than all my friends' dads."

"I was gone all the time," Barry says. "I was never able to be around them as much as I would have liked, but I tried. I did the best I could."

It wasn't until much later in Greg's life that he realized how famous his dad was. As a child, he never paid much attention to what his dad did for a living.

"You're in your own little world with all your little friends who could care less that you're Barry Switzer's kid," Greg says. "It wasn't until I was in high school that I'd be with him and notice all these crazy fans going, 'Oh my God, it's Barry Switzer.' It was funny to me."

Greg's mother says: "Some people have not looked at my children as Greg, Kathy or Doug (a freshman football player at Oklahoma this season). They've looked at them as Barry Switzer's kids. That sometimes could be very negative, in a sports sense, but not in anything else.



Switzer gets just as wrapped up in spring drills as he does music.

"They're all confident kids, especially Greg. He's very intense, very independent. I do a lot of numerology and he's a 3. A 3 has integrity and creativity and that fits Greg to a T."

Kay remembers when former Oklahoma Heisman Trophy winner Billy Vessels once dropped by the house. Greg was about 7 at the time, and Vessels asked him what he wanted to do in life.

"Greg said he wanted to win the Heisman, be a doctor, do this and do that," Kay says. "He went on and on, and finally said, 'I just want to do everything.' "

Such confident ambition has helped Greg carve his own identity.

When Greg was only 17 months old, his mother, a mathematician who taught in junior high school, detected a condition that makes it difficult for him to understand abstract terms and conditions.

"For example, you might have told him to look under the car for something, and he'd look on top of it," says Kay. "If you demonstrated something to him, he'd grasp it immediately because he's extremely intelligent."

Greg was an honor-roll student in high school. He is considering law school after college.

"He had to be shown things," Kay says. "I'd use my hands to help him understand. In geometry, I'd illustrate the concept of a plane by stabbing a pencil through a sheet of paper."

Kay recalls even lending Greg a helping hand in football when he was young by demonstrating to him the concept of tackling with force.

"He could always get to the ball carrier and tackle him, but would just kind of drag him down," she says. "I sat him down at the kitchen table one day and smacked two spoons together to show him you wanted to tackle people with authority when you could. He took to it naturally."

Greg also took to the piano naturally. His mother, who also plays, started him when he was 9, bribing him at first by paying him and his brother and sister a penny for every minute they practiced.

After a while, Greg got to the point where

Piano man

he would almost pay for the right to play. His musical tastes range from rock to country to classical. Music has been an important part of his life for a long time.

"I took him to New York City with me for the first time when he was 12," Barry says. "The first place this little kid wanted to see was Carnegie Hall. We went in and looked around."

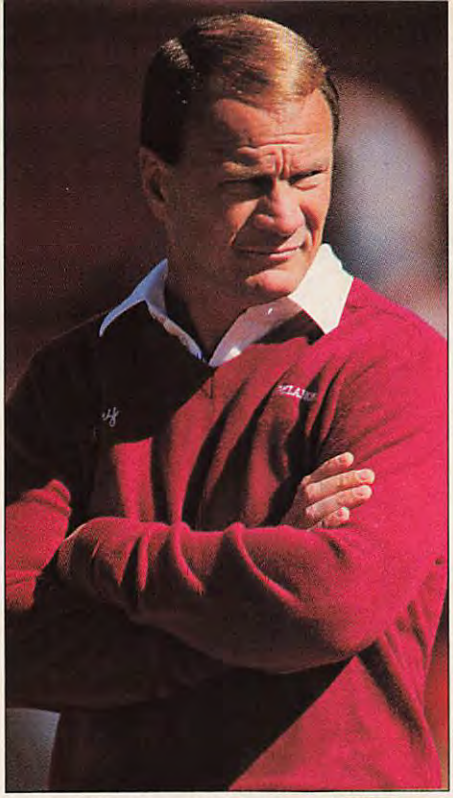
When Greg recalls the highlights of his life, what immediately comes to mind is not something that happened on a football field, but in a concert hall. As a high school senior, he played music by Beethoven and Chopin from memory for an hour as a recital requirement.

"I had to miss my senior trip to Florida to get ready for that recital," Greg recalls, "but I'm glad I did it. It's the most challenging thing I've ever experienced in my life."

But not the only one. Nine years ago, Barry and Kay were divorced, with Kay taking the children back to her hometown of Little Rock. Greg remembers the anguish of his parents' parting and of leaving the friends and environment he grew up around.

But the divorce had a positive aspect in one sense, he says now.

"I think he's become a better father since the divorce," Greg says. "Part of it is that I'm older, of course, and we can understand each other better on an adult level. But we've made an effort to spend as much time as possible together. I think we've become closer since the divorce."



Barry Switzer played at Arkansas in the '50s.

When Greg was in high school, Barry would fly to Little Rock four or five times a year to watch his son play football on Friday night. Then he would fly back to Norman for the Sooners' game on Saturday.

"We'd always go out to eat," Greg says. "Those visits meant a lot to me."

So did one that Greg made with his brother and sister to Norman in June of 1989. Oklahoma was on probation for rules violations. Several players were charged with crimes. Barry resigned suddenly. It was a traumatic time for the Sooners' football program and the Switzers. Barry had been head football coach at Oklahoma for 16 years. He ranked as the fourth-winningest college coach in history (157–29–4—.837). His teams won 12 Big Eight titles and three national championships.

The night before making the announcement that he was stepping down, Barry gathered his children around him. That might have been the most traumatic moment of all.

"It was really tough on him," Greg says. "He was hurting bad. He was crying. It was almost like he wanted to know if we'd still love him if he wasn't a coach anymore."

The absurdity of that notion drew a snort from Greg. "I mean, of course we would. What did he expect? He's our dad." ■

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■ *SOUTHEASTERN BLUE CHIPPERS*

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KENTUCKY

Nose guard Chester Ford (6–0, 230) of Danville is a two-time all-stater with remarkable strength and quickness, but his size is questionable. Defensive linemen Danny Hendrix (6–4, 285) of Scottsville Allen County and Ben Foos (6–5, 210) of Louisville Trinity are bigger, thus better prospects. Two-way lineman Owen Neil (6–4, 265) of Louisville DeSales and linebacker Leland Taylor (6–2, 250) of Fairdale are two others to watch. Backs Scott Russell (5–11, 170) of Evarts, Leman Boyd (6–1, 185) of Bowling Green and Terrance Stewart (5–10, 180) of Louisville Doss bring all-state credentials to their senior seasons.

LOUISIANA

LaFleur rivals Meadows as the South's finest tight end, but there's lots more to talk about in the bayous, especially linemen and quarterbacks. The linemen include Pat Thompson (6–3, 275) of Marrero Ehret, Jeff Jenkins (6–5, 265) of Monroe Ouachita Christian, Todd White (6–3, 230) of Baton Rouge Catholic, Shannon Clavelle (6–4, 240) of New Orleans Walker and JBertrand Ina (6–3, 260) of Franklin. Quarterbacks to remember are Jamie Howard (6–2, 190) of Lafayette St. Thomas Moore, Eric Randle (6–2, 190) of Baton Rouge Glen Oaks and Al Head (6–0, 175) of Amite.

MISSISSIPPI

Running backs are Archie Moore (5–8, 180) of Wiggins Stone County, Dwayne Chandler (6–0, 200) of Aberdeen, who led his team to a 12–1 record with 1,581 yards and 22 TDs, and Lawrence Sangster (5–11, 195) of Louisville, who earned all-state honors with 2,125 all-purpose yards and 28 touchdowns. Athletes include Lawrence Adams (5–10, 172) of Jackson Callaway, who played quarterback, running back and defensive back, and punted for a 43-yard average; Bernard Euell (5–10, 170) of Jackson Hill, who earned all-Metro honors after accounting for 24 TDs; Terrance Goff (5–9, 195) of Hancock North Central, who was all-state a year ago and has rushed for more than 4,000 career yards since the eighth grade; and Michael Singleton (5–9, 170) of Madison Central, who ran a 10.5 100 meters. Two still-growing linemen to remember are Kevin Hines (6–7, 235) of Jackson Murrah and Henry McCann (6–6, 280) of Moss Point.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The other new SEC state offers such highly rated prospects as running back Steve Davis (6–2, 210) of Spartanburg, who was on *The Orlando Sentinel*'s All-Southern team as a junior; quarterback Wally Richardson (6–3, 200) of Sumter, whose dad played in the NFL; receiver Monte Means (6–2, 185) of Union, who is emerging as the state's best prospect; giant lineman Roamy Perry (6–7, 323) of Hopkins Lower Richland; and tight end Grant Baynham (6–4, 210) of North Augusta, who is the son of former Georgia Tech and NFL standout Craig Baynham.

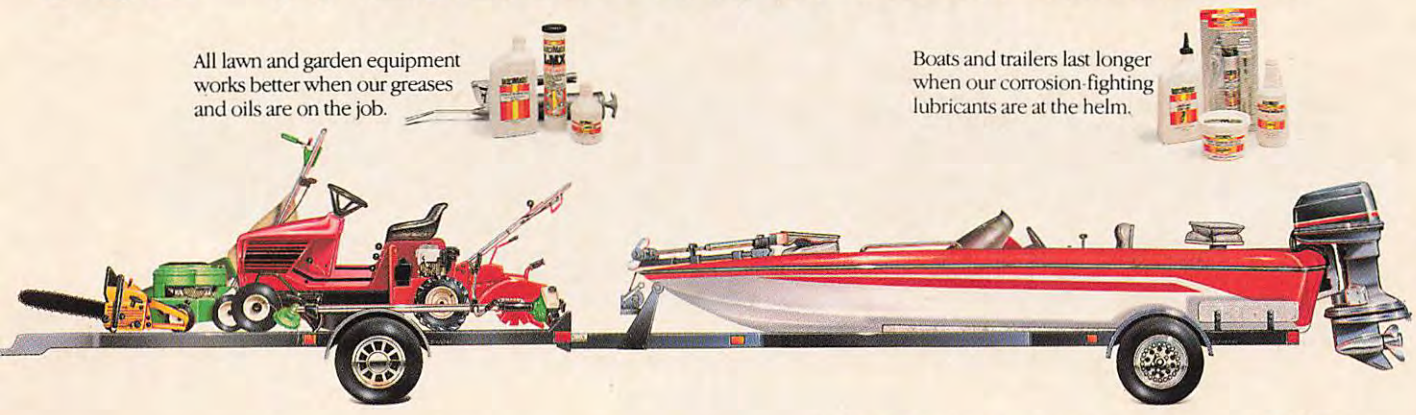
TENNESSEE

It appears to be a good year in the Volunteer State, especially in Memphis, where running back Corey Walker (5–10, 185) of Hillcrest rushed for 1,885 yards as a junior, earning AAA all-state honors; where two-way end Thomas Knight (6–4, 230) of East rivals Mosley as a sack artist; where Clarence Lenton (6–0, 175) of Westwood caught 43 passes and averaged 27.1 yards per punt return; where Taurick Boyd (6–5, 260), also of Westwood, recorded nine sacks with 4.9 speed; where Mark Trent (6–3, 260) of Wooddale was named defensive player of the year; and where Dallon Buchanan (6–0, 180) of Frayser intercepted 10 passes and earned AA all-state honors. ■

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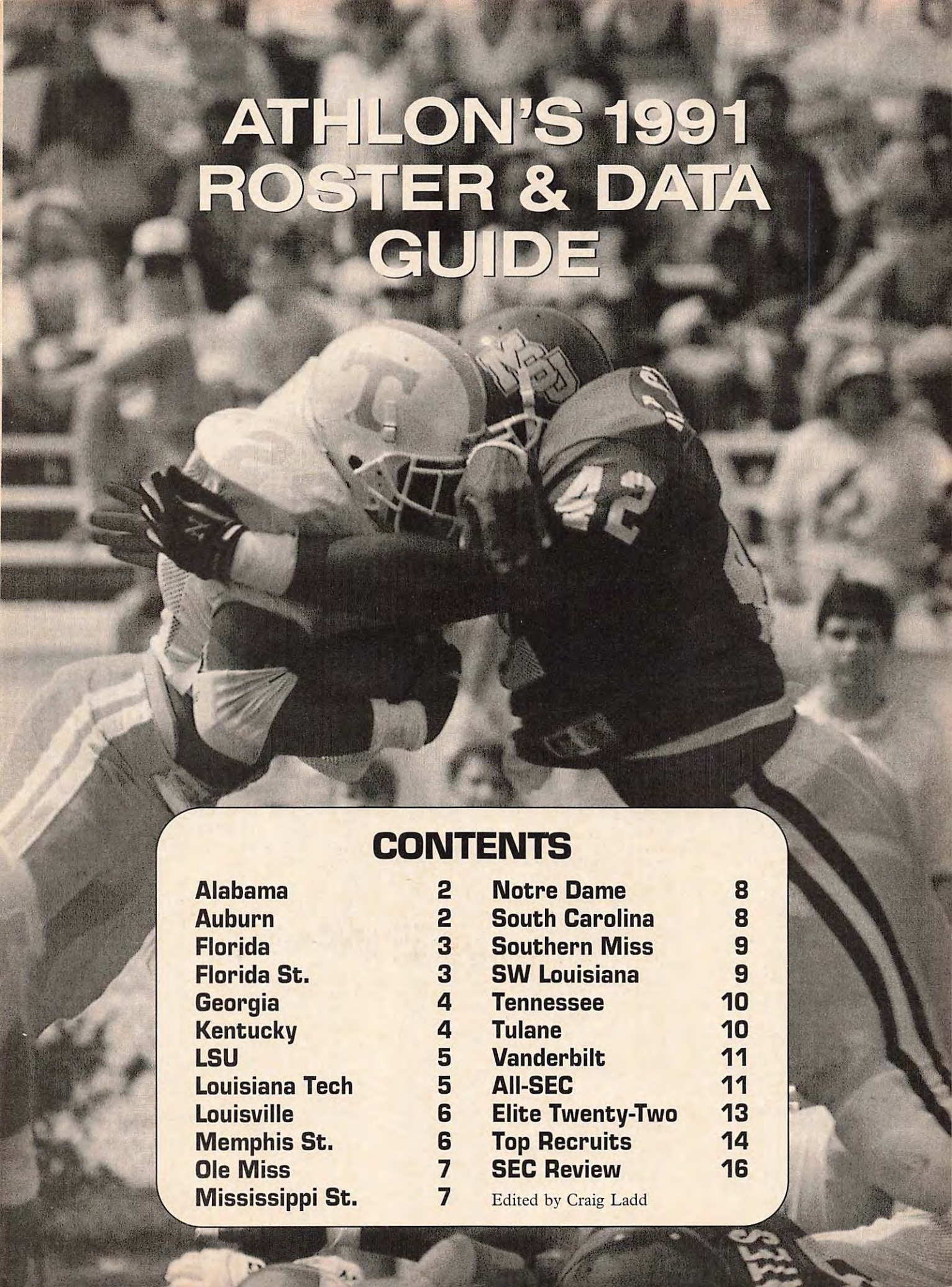
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ALABAMA

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.-WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
95	Aaron, Chuck	DE	6-3 260	Fr.	Centreville, MS
33	Anderson, Chris*	RB	5-9 175	So.	Huntsville, AL
62	Barger, William*	RG	6-3 270	So.	Birmingham, AL
7	Barker, Jay	QB	6-3 195	Fr.	Trussville, AL
6	Bevelle, Willis	FL	6-1 180	Jr.	Bessemer, AL
57	Bradford, Roderick	RDE	6-5 235	So.	Mobile, AL
48	Brannen, Jay	OLB	6-2 210	Fr.	Gainesville, FL
82	Brown, Rick	FL	6-0 175	Fr.	Ft. Worth, TX
83	Busky, Steve*	TE	6-5 215	Jr.	Suitland, MD
38	Campbell, Mike	SE	6-0 185	Jr.	Pinson, AL
	Christopher, Steve	QB	6-0 195	So.	Anniston, AL
59	Clay, John	RG	6-1 226	So.	Nashville, TN
49	Cochran, Chris	OLB	6-3 235	Jr.	Germantown, TN
40	Cole, Lorenzo	FL	5-10 175	So.	Florence, AL
80	Curry, Eric	RDE	6-6 265	Jr.	Thomasville, GA
72	Dare, Charlie	LT	6-5 290	Sr.	Enterprise, AL
4	Etter, Scott	QB	6-0 180	Jr.	Lexington, KY
15	Finkley, Donnie*	FL	5-10 175	Jr.	Mobile, AL
	Folks, Napoleon	G	6-3 288	So.	Montgomery, AL
3	Gardner, Charles	FS	6-1 203	Sr.	Carson, CA
54	Gladden, Chad	C	6-3 254	Fr.	Centre, AL
71	Greene, Hamp	PK	5-10 185	Jr.	Montgomery, AL
10	Greenwood, Darren	LCB	5-11 180	Jr.	Lanett, AL
98	Gregory, James	NG	6-4 295	So.	St. Louis, MO
11	Hall, Lemanski	SS	6-0 200	So.	Valley, AL
63	Hammond, Matt*	LT	6-3 260	So.	Ft. Payne, AL
30	Harris, Craig	FB	5-11 205	Jr.	Panama City, FL
1	Harrison, Stacy*	SS	5-11 185	Sr.	Atlanta, GA
46	Helton, Rodney	ILB	6-1 220	Jr.	Knoxville, TN
35	Houston, Martin	FB	5-10 235	Jr.	Centre, AL
75	Howard, Johnny	RT	6-3 270	Jr.	Bessemer, AL
16	Jack, Jason	QB	6-1 180	Fr.	Oxford, AL
28	Jones, Robert	RB	5-9 200	Sr.	Birmingham, AL
43	Langham, Antonio	RCB	6-1 166	So.	Town Creek, AL
25	Lassic, Derrick	RB	5-10 195	Jr.	Haverstraw, NY
37	Lee, Kevin	SE	6-0 175	So.	Mobile, AL
99	Lockett, Victor	ILB	5-11 228	So.	Mobile, AL
55	London, Antonio	OLB	6-2 220	Jr.	Tullahoma, TN
47	Lowery, Jackson	FS	6-1 188	Fr.	Huntsville, AL
45	Lynch, Tarrant	RB	6-1 197	Fr.	Town Creek, AL
26	McMillian, Mark*	RCB	5-8 160	Sr.	Los Angeles, CA
87	Miller, Darrell	TE	6-4 233	Fr.	Nashville, TN
92	Milner, Jason	LDE	6-5 260	Fr.	Broken Arrow, OK
58	Morris, Mario	ILB	6-2 220	Fr.	Decatur, AL
2	Moss, Stan	P	6-0 200	So.	Brent, AL
91	Neighbors, Keith	ILB	6-1 215	Jr.	Huntsville, AL
36	Nesbitt, Derrick	FS	6-2 186	Fr.	Decatur, GA
73	Nunley, Jeremy	LDE	6-5 255	So.	Winchester, TN
56	Oden, Derrick*	ILB	6-1 225	Jr.	Tuscaloosa, AL
77	Patterson, Roosevelt	RT	6-3 290	So.	Mobile, AL
78	Pine, Matthew	SN	6-2 218	So.	Gadsden, AL
41	Rockwell, Bragg	OLB	6-0 205	Jr.	Daphne, AL
52	Rogers, Michael	ILB	6-1 215	Fr.	Luverne, AL
21	Sanderson, Craig	SE	5-11 175	Sr.	Hamilton, AL
42	Sewell, Junior	FB	5-11 225	Jr.	Abbeville, AL
61	Sheils, Tobie	C	6-2 250	So.	Fairhope, AL
97	Sneed, Byron	OLB	6-3 244	Sr.	Alexandria, VA
22	Spikes, Irving	RB	5-10 205	Jr.	Ocean Spgs., MS
27	Stacy, Siran	RB	6-0 190	Sr.	Geneva, AL
34	Stewart, Robert*	NG	6-0 270	Sr.	Ashford, AL
39	Stutson, Brian	FS	5-11 205	Sr.	Birmingham, AL
90	Sullins, John*	ILB	6-1 225	Sr.	Oxford, MS
13	Teague, George*	LCB	6-0 187	Jr.	Montgomery, AL
24	Turner, Kevin*	FB	6-0 220	Sr.	Prattville, AL
16	Wall, Jeff	H	5-8 165	Jr.	Birmingham, AL
89	Warren, Derrick	TE	6-4 235	Jr.	Pensacola, FL
23	Washington, Eric	SS	6-1 200	Jr.	Miami, FL
84	Webb, Steve*	OLB	6-3 250	Sr.	Holt, AL
7	Williamson, Tank*	P	5-11 205	Sr.	Orrville, AL
68	Wilson, George	LG	6-2 255	Jr.	Bessemer, AL
32	Wimbley, Prince	FL	5-10 174	Jr.	Miami, FL
12	Woodson, Danny	QB	6-3 220	Sr.	Mobile, AL
88	Woody, Rock	SE	6-0 170	Fr.	Springville, AL

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (6); Defense (7); Kickers (1).

QUICK FACTS

1990 Record: 7-5-0; 5-2-0 T2nd SEC
Head Coach: Gene Stallings (Alabama record: 7-5-0; Overall record: 34-50-1), Texas A&M '57
Offensive Coordinator: None
Defensive Coordinator: None

1991 SIGNEES

NAME	POS.	HT.-WT.	HOMETOWN
Barnett, Tim	TE	6-5 250	Bear Creek, AL
Bodden, Vann	DL	6-5 235	Moss Point, MS
Brown, Curtis	WR	6-2 190	Johns Island, SC
Brown, Elverett	DL	6-5 270	Montgomery, AL
Brown, Shannon	DL	6-6 250	Millbrook, AL
Brown, Willie	DB	6-2 200	Syracuse, NY
Burgdorf, Brian	QB	6-2 175	Cedartown, GA
Clark, Brent	OL	6-3 255	Rainsville, AL
Conegia, Keith	WR	6-4 195	Daytona Bch., FL
*Copeland, John	DL	6-4 265	Valley, AL
Gaston, Willie	DB	5-11 180	Mobile, AL
Harville, Joey	OL	6-5 280	Moulton, AL
Jackson, Gari	LB	6-2 223	Mobile, AL
Jeffries, Dameian	LB	6-5 240	Sylacauga, AL
Johnson, Tommy	WR	5-11 175	Niceville, FL
Johnson, Tony	TE	6-5 240	Como, MS
McNeal, Kareem	OL	6-5 265	Tuskegee, AL
Palmer, David	RB	5-9 170	Birmingham, AL
Royal, Andre	LB	6-3 210	Northport, AL
Segrest, Rory	OL	6-4 285	Waycross, GA
Shade, Sam	RB	6-2 190	Birmingham, AL
Stevenson, Jon	OL	6-4 285	Memphis, TN
Thornton, Bryan	DL	6-7 280	Mobile, AL
Torrence, Jeff	LB	6-2 215	Atmore, AL
Williams, Sherman	RB	5-10 185	Mobile, AL

*denotes junior college transfer

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.-WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
	Abrams, Anthony	DL	6-4 271	So.	Atlanta, GA
7	Amason, Tony	K	5-7 157	Fr.	Dunwoody, GA
	Atkins, Ace	DB	6-2 231	So.	Atlanta, GA
	Babbs, Torris	OLB	6-1 234	Fr.	Talladega, AL
18	Bailey, Thomas	WR	5-11 185	Fr.	Enterprise, AL
12	Barlow, Corey*	CB	5-10 186	Sr.	Atlanta, GA
89	Barlow, Reggie*	OLB	6-4 231	Sr.	Albany, GA
85	Baxter, Fred	TE	6-4 225	Jr.	Brundidge, AL
66	Blake, Eddie	G	6-4 310	Sr.	Fayetteville, TN
	Boland, Todd	OL	6-4 240	Fr.	New Brockton, AL
35	Brooks, Kelly	FB	5-11 222	Jr.	Tennille, GA
26	Brown, Teapot	FB	5-6 193	Sr.	Dothan, AL
53	Burchfield, Ron	SN	6-1 208	Jr.	Birmingham, AL
90	Caselberry, Dunican	OLB	6-3 217	Jr.	Gadsden, AL
20	Casey, Herbert	WR	6-0 195	Sr.	Foley, AL
75	Catullo, Jeffery	T	6-2 268	Jr.	Marlton, NJ
	Chatman, Clifford	OL	6-5 275	Fr.	Eclectic, AL
28	Cherry, Pedro	WR	6-1 198	Jr.	Windsor, NC
56	Crawford, Darrel*	ILB	6-2 226	Jr.	Montrose, AL
61	Cromartie, Tim	NG	6-2 267	Jr.	Tallahassee, FL
	Crum, Juan	G	6-2 285	Fr.	Mobile, AL
47	Cunningham, Karekin	ILB	6-0 230	Jr.	Peachtree City, GA
91	Etheridge, Alonzo	DL	6-4 245	Fr.	Selma, AL
5	Frazier, Joe	TB	6-0 190	Fr.	Montgomery, AL
74	Gandy, Wayne	T	6-4 266	So.	Haines City, FL
68	Gray, Chris*	T	6-4 245	Jr.	Birmingham, AL
87	Hall, Victor*	TE	6-3 228	Sr.	Anniston, AL
14	Hanna, Richard	QB	6-0 201	So.	Boca Raton, FL
64	Helton, Jon	G	6-3 258	So.	Dublin, GA
19	Hines, Melvin	WR	5-7 150	Jr.	Huntsville, AL
91	Jackson, Adrian	OLB	6-3 234	So.	Mobile, AL
79	Johnson, Chuckie	DT	6-3 282	Jr.	Fayetteville, NC
81	Johnson, Marc	DB	6-0 182	So.	Centre, AL
43	Jones, Chris	S	6-0 195	Sr.	Riverside, AL
59	Judge, Anthony	ILB	6-0 231	Sr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
60	Keasler, Shane	G	6-2 249	So.	Centre, AL
2	Lewis, Corey	QB	6-2 209	Jr.	Gallatin, TN
41	McMilion, Reid	FB	6-0 215	So.	Selma, AL
70	Meeks, Bob*	C	6-2 279	Sr.	Evergreen, AL
96	Merchant, Jason*	OLB	6-3 222	So.	Citronelle, AL
13	Morton, Clarence	SS	6-3 182	Jr.	Maplesville, AL
25	Mounds, Otis	TB	6-1 180	Fr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
44	Muilenburg, Chad	FB	5-11 201	So.	Odessa, FL
58	Nash, Al	ILB	6-0 220	Jr.	Bessemer, AL
	Osborne, Brian	T	6-6 275	Fr.	Plant City, FL
4	Overton, Dale	WR	5-9 160	Sr.	Hackleburg, AL
50	Pelton, Mike	LB	6-2 235	Fr.	Goshen, AL
97	Pierce, Bennie	OLB	6-1 233	Jr.	Valdosta, GA
23	Pina, Mike	CB	6-0 193	So.	Merritt Island, FL
83	Priester, Lou	WR	6-0 176	Jr.	Montgomery, AL
65	Redmon, Anthony	OL	6-4 263	So.	Brewton, AL
40	Richardson, Tony	FB	6-2 215	So.	Daleville, AL
84	Russell, Tony	WR	6-3 184	Jr.	Birmingham, AL
69	Sears, Chris	G	6-3 257	So.	Cullman, AL
93	Shea, Richard	NG	6-4 243	Sr.	Birmingham, AL
82	Simpson, Jess	TE	6-1 240	So.	Marietta, GA
21	Smith, Alex	TB	5-11 220	Sr.	College Park, GA
6	Smith, Fred	DB	5-9 186	Fr.	Eufaula, AL
37	Smith, Mike	S	5-11 216	So.	Memphis, TN
	Smith, Pat	DT	6-2 255	Fr.	Hartselle, AL
29	Stankunas, Frankie	SS	6-2 201	Sr.	Live Oak, FL
92	Sutton, Ricky	OLB	6-3 250	Jr.	Tucker, GA
42	Tarrance, Andre	RB	5-7 188	So.	Jacksonville, FL
76	Tate, Walter*	NG	6-2 306	Jr.	Decatur, GA
24	Thomas, Alex	FS	6-1 213	Sr.	Dothan, AL
54	Thompson, Greg	C	6-2 237	So.	Enterprise, AL
73	Tillman, Tim*	G	6-2 258	Jr.	Theodore, AL
3	Von Wyl, Jim*	PK	5-8 170	Sr.	Akron, OH
71	Wallace, Ernest	G	6-3 271	So.	Gadsden, AL
11	White, Stan*	QB	6-2 194	So.	Birmingham, AL
45	Williams, Darrell	TB	5-9 189	Jr.	Prichard, AL
51	Willis, James*	ILB	6-3 225	So.	Huntsville, AL
72	Wilson, Jon	DT	6-6 257	Sr.	Haleyville, AL
22	Wright, Dennis	CB	6-0 196	Jr.	Lauderdale Lakes, FL
99	Young, Larry	OLB	6-4 210	Jr.	Lakeland, FL

*Denotes Returning Starters: Offense (5); Defense (6); Kickers (1).

QUICK FACTS

1990 Record: 8-3-1; 4-2-1 4th SEC
Head Coach: Pat Dye (Auburn record: 89-28-3; Overall record: 143-51-4), Georgia '62
Offensive Coordinator: Tommy Bowden, West Virginia '76
Defensive Coordinator: Wayne Hall, Alabama '74

1991 SIGNEES

NAME	POS.	HT.-WT.	HOMETOWN
Beddingfield, Bucky	L	6-3 275	Jackson, GA
Bostic, James	B	6-1 215	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Gibson, Ron	B	5-11 175	Brewton, AL
Harris, Anthony	L	6-2 215	Ft. Pierce, FL
Hawkins, Matt	KS	5-11 175	Pensacola, FL
Jackson, Calvin	B	5-10 170	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Johnson, Don	B	6-2 190	Columbus, GA
Luster, Ramon	L	6-3 240	Birmingham, AL
Malcolm, Roymon	B	6-3 200	Ruston, LA
Malone, Shawn	L	6-5 215	Madison, AL
McCain, William	L	6-3 240	Anniston, AL
McGee, Dell	B	5-9 187	Columbus, GA
Miller, Andre	L	6-3 245	Meridian, MS
Morrow, Harold	B	6-1 185	Maplesville, AL
Nix, Patrick	B	6-2 185	Rainbow City, AL
Robinson, Brian	B	6-3 185	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Roubique, Shannon	L	6-1 255	Denham Spgs., LA
Sanders, Frank	B	6-3 195	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Scott, Robert	B	6-0 175	Winter Haven, FL
Shelling, Chris	B	5-10 175	Columbus, GA
Taylor, Jason	L	6-3 295	Mobile, AL
Walker, Gary	L	6-3 260	Lavonia, GA
Whitehurst, Derick	B	5-10 176	Pensacola, FL
Yarbrough, Ted	B	5-11 185	Blakely, GA

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FLORIDA

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.-WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
26	Anderson, Myrick	OLB	5-11 204	Jr.	De Funiak Spgs., FL
43	Archie, Pete	CB	5-10 180	Fr.	Houston, TX
44	Bartley, Ephesians*	GB	6-3 212	Sr.	Jacksonville, FL
39	Bilkie, Chris	FB	6-2 222	Fr.	Holmes Beach, FL
97	Brandon, Mike*	DE	6-4 279	Sr.	Perry, FL
75	Carey, Craig	G	6-2 284	Fr.	Houston, TX
36	Carry, Ainsley	OLB	5-10 198	Jr.	Miami, FL
25	Cook, Kendall	KS	5-8 163	Fr.	Lakeland, FL
74	Crouch, Gantt	C	6-2 262	So.	Live Oak, FL
50	Culpepper, Brad*	DT	6-2 263	Sr.	Tallahassee, FL
13	Czyzewski, Arden*	KS	6-0 211	Sr.	Tampa, FL
63	Daniels, Tony	G	6-2 273	Jr.	Chipley, FL
38	Dean, Charlie	ILB	6-2 229	So.	Inverness, FL
12	Dean, Terry	QB	6-2 198	Fr.	Naples, FL
51	Diamond, Gregg	ILB	5-10 210	Sr.	Lakeland, FL
59	Dixon, Cal*	C	6-4 278	Sr.	Merritt Island, FL
81	Duncan, Monty	WR	6-0 211	So.	St. Augustine, FL
24	Everett, Tre	WR	5-9 171	Jr.	Washington, DC
69	Fisher, Brian	T	6-5 274	So.	New Pt. Richey, FL
16	Fox, Brian	QB	6-4 211	Jr.	Orlando, FL
45	Freeman, Kevin	ILB	6-0 217	So.	New Pt. Richey, FL
94	Gaines, William	DT	6-5 279	So.	Jackson, MS
35	Gilmore, Michael	FS	5-11 181	Fr.	Chipley, FL
72	Gingeleski, Greg	T	6-9 263	Fr.	Sarasota, FL
62	Golden, Dean	T	6-5 261	Fr.	Plantation, FL
10	Grow, Monty	OLB	6-3 211	Jr.	Inverness, FL
3	Hailey, Jason	P	5-10 184	So.	Hobart, OK
80	Haston, Henry	WR	6-2 199	So.	Stuart, FL
82	Hill, Aubrey	WR	5-11 166	Fr.	Miami, FL
84	Houston, Harrison	WR	5-9 167	So.	Pensacola, FL
48	Hurbanis, Matt	ILB	6-0 211	So.	Ft. Myers, FL
77	Ismail, Hesham*	G	6-2 279	Sr.	Lake Alfred, FL
87	Jackson, Terrell	TE	6-1 226	Jr.	Stuart, FL
22	Jackson, Willie	WR	6-0 192	So.	Gainesville, FL
64	Johnson, Philip	DT	6-4 278	Jr.	Clinton, MS
89	Keller, Greg	TE	6-4 234	Jr.	New Orleans, LA
58	Kerr, Mike	DE	6-6 231	Jr.	Miami, FL
6	Lake, Eddie	CB	5-10 174	Fr.	Tarpon Springs, FL
32	Malone, Kedra	RB	5-8 177	So.	Niceville, FL
9	Matthews, Shane*	QB	6-3 191	Jr.	Pascagoula, MS
5	McClendon, Willie*	RB	6-0 223	Sr.	Jacksonville, FL
71	McCoy, Tony	DT	6-2 273	Sr.	Orlando, FL
21	McNabb, Dexter*	FB	6-0 238	Sr.	De Funiak Spgs., FL
92	Mickell, Darren	DE	6-4 276	Jr.	Miami, FL
31	Miles, Carlton	ILB	6-1 233	Jr.	Daytona Bch., FL
27	Montgomery, Brian	CB	5-8 169	Jr.	Clearwater, FL
17	Nichols, Johnny	QB	5-11 181	Sr.	Pensacola, FL
8	Oliver, Marquette*	GB	5-9 211	Jr.	Pensacola, FL
23	Owens, Jimmy	CB	5-8 166	Jr.	San Bernardino, CA
99	Paulk, Tim*	ILB	6-1 229	Sr.	Miami, FL
30	Randolph, Kelvin*	FB	5-10 219	So.	Tallahassee, FL
33	Rhett, Errict*	RB	6-0 212	So.	Pembroke Pines, FL
41	Robinson, Ed	ILB	6-0 221	So.	De Funiak Spgs., FL
40	Robinson, Kirk	FB	5-11 222	Jr.	Jacksonville, FL
61	Rooney, Brian	G	6-3 253	So.	Punta Gorda, FL
56	Rowell, Tony*	T	6-4 277	Sr.	Melbourne, FL
19	Ruland, Ryan	KS	6-1 195	So.	Altamonte Spgs., FL
85	Rushing, George	TE	6-3 227	Fr.	Miami, FL
29	Scavella, Sam	CB	5-8 171	Sr.	Miami, FL
66	Smith, Dexter	G	6-2 277	Jr.	Wichita, KS
54	Smith, Lex	DE	6-2 223	Jr.	Dade City, FL
4	Speer, Del	CB	6-0 192	Jr.	Miami, FL
68	Swain, David	DE	6-3 234	Fr.	Altamonte Spgs., FL
76	Taylor, Ryan	T	6-4 284	So.	Leesburg, FL
83	Thomas, Harvey	DE	6-4 231	Jr.	Pompano Bch., FL
20	Tinner, Cornell	GB	5-11 212	So.	Eglin AFB, FL
65	Travis, Scott	G	6-5 253	Fr.	New Rochelle, NY
73	Watson, Jim	G	6-2 271	So.	New Pt. Richey, FL
60	White, Mark*	T	6-5 293	Sr.	Pensacola, FL
2	White, Will*	FS	6-1 198	Jr.	Tallahassee, FL
96	Whited, Rod	DT	6-1 233	So.	Ft. Myers, FL
78	Williams, John	T	6-3 294	Jr.	Pensacola, FL

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (9); Defense (5); Kickers (1).

QUICK FACTS

1990 Record: 9-2-0; 6-1-0 (ineligible for SEC title)
Head Coach: Steve Spurrier (Florida record: 9-2-0; Overall record: 29-14-1), Florida '67
Offensive Coordinator: Steve Spurrier
Defensive Coordinator: TBA

1991 SIGNEES

NAME	POS.	HT.-WT.	HOMETOWN
Anderson, Darwin	RB	5-11 195	Winter Park, FL
Bartley, Jason	LB	5-11 202	Jacksonville, FL
Bencie, Luke	QB	6-3 197	Sarasota, FL
Campbell, Mark	DL	6-3 272	Miami, FL
Carter, Kevin	LB	6-5 238	Tallahassee, FL
Chiles, Antwan	QB	6-2 236	Lauderdale Lakes, FL
Dixon, Marlon	DE	6-4 242	Largo, FL
Edge, Shayne	P-WR-DB	5-11 170	Lake City, FL
Ferguson, McDonald	LB	6-1 233	Miami, FL
Grimes, Mark	DE	6-4 231	Cookeville, TN
Hanks, Ben	FS	6-2 188	Miami, FL
*Hatch, Lawrence	CB	6-0 177	Long Beach, CA
Jackson, Jack	WR	5-9 165	Moss Point, MS
Johnson, Ellis	DL	6-3 276	Wildwood, FL
Johnson, Kevin	C	6-3 241	Vero Beach, FL
Joslyn, Scott	G	6-4 298	Orlando, FL
Kennedy, Jeremy	TE	6-4 225	Oklahoma City, OK
Kennedy, Larry	CB	5-10 182	Sarasota, FL
McMillian, Henry	DL	6-4 269	Folkston, GA
*Owens, Jimmy	CB	5-9 170	San Bernardino, CA
Palmer, Sarola	WR	5-10 167	Lacombe, LA
Pearson, Matt	LB	6-1 225	Mayo, FL
Pouncy, Carlton	CB	5-10 181	Kissimmee, FL
Riggins, Anthony	OLB	6-4 215	Ft. Pierce, FL
Weaver, Craig	T	6-3 304	Miami, FL
West, Ed	WR	5-10 182	Miami, FL

*denotes junior college transfer

Information provided by John Humenik, Asst. AD – Sports Information.

FLORIDA STATE

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.-WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
23	Abbott, Bryce	SS-ILB	6-0 215	Jr.	Tifton, GA
2	Abraham, Clifton	DB	5-9 180	Fr.	Dallas, TX
54	Adams, Kevin	ILB	6-1 215	Fr.	Lake Charles, LA
36	Alexander, Ken	ILB	6-3 240	So.	Austin, TX
72	Allen, Steve	T	6-5 295	So.	Orange Park, FL
51	Baker, Robbie*	C	6-5 240	Jr.	Ft. Myers, FL
1	Baker, Shannon*	WR	5-10 180	Jr.	Lakeland, FL
22	Bennett, Edgar*	FB	6-1 222	Sr.	Jacksonville, FL
31	Brown, Lavon	FS	5-11 200	Jr.	Moore Haven, FL
27	Buckley, Terrell*	CB	5-11 178	Jr.	Pascagoula, MS
45	Carruthers, Kirk*	ILB	6-2 212	Sr.	East Lansing, MI
96	Chaney, James*	NG	5-11 250	Sr.	N. Ft. Myers, FL
91	Clark, Deondri	DT	6-3 250	Jr.	Winter Garden, FL
39	Clark, Ed	ILB	6-3 230	Jr.	Melbourne, FL
78	Clower, Johnny	G	6-4 265	Sr.	Dade City, FL
16	Coes, Richard	CB	6-0 197	So.	Miami, FL
93	Cowart, Chris	OLB	6-3 215	Fr.	New Orleans, LA
18	Davis, John	FS	6-2 205	Jr.	Pahokee, FL
64	Deremer, Jeff	C	6-0 250	Jr.	Port Richey, FL
63	Dillaberry, Jason	T	6-5 272	Jr.	Orange Park, FL
89	Dinkins, Howard*	OLB	6-2 220	Sr.	Jacksonville, FL
73	Dixon, Reggie*	T	6-2 278	Sr.	Jacksonville, FL
83	Donaldson, John	TE	6-4 240	Fr.	Marianna, FL
5	Felder, Kenny	QB	6-3 221	So.	Niceville, FL
86	Ferrell, Marvin	TE	6-5 250	So.	Jacksonville, FL
68	Flath, John	OL	6-4 256	Jr.	Orlando, FL
47	Floyd, William	FB	6-2 255	Fr.	St. Petersburg, FL
58	Footman, Dan	DT	6-5 255	Jr.	Tampa, FL
3	Fowler, Leon*	FS	6-2 196	Jr.	Ft. Myers, FL
97	Freeman, Reggie	OLB	6-3 236	Jr.	Clewiston, FL
12	Frier, Matt	WR	5-10 187	So.	Live Oak, FL
28	Fuller, Corey	CB	6-1 190	So.	Tallahassee, FL
61	Gibbs, Eric	T	6-5 300	Jr.	Atlanta, GA
6	Gilmer, Steve	CB	5-11 185	Fr.	Tallahassee, FL
	Guerrier, Dulack	LB	6-3 230	So.	Miami, FL
24	Harris, Felix	TB	6-1 206	Jr.	Lake Placid, FL
84	Hart, Warren	TE	6-2 260	So.	Jacksonville, FL
41	Henry, Tommy	CB	6-0 170	Jr.	Arcadia, FL
37	Jackson, Sean	TB	6-2 220	So.	New Orleans, LA
14	Johnson, Brad	QB	6-6 215	Sr.	Black Mtn., NC
85	Johnson, Lonnie	TE	6-3 220	So.	Miami, FL
46	Jones, Keith	SS	5-10 190	Jr.	Auburndale, FL
55	Jones, Marvin*	ILB	6-2 220	So.	Miami, FL
30	Keen, Chris	CB	5-10 175	Jr.	Jefferson, GA
13	Knight, Mack	CB	6-1 197	So.	Woodbine, GA
81	Knox, Kevin	WR	6-4 193	So.	Niceville, FL
42	Lee, Amp*	TB	6-0 195	Jr.	Chipley, FL
82	Lundstrom, Brad	OLB	6-4 228	Jr.	Naples, FL
67	Mancini, Kevin*	T	6-3 272	Sr.	Brandon, FL
26	McCorvey, Errol*	CB	6-0 183	Sr.	Pensacola, FL
88	McCorvey, Kez	WR	6-1 180	Fr.	Gautier, MS
76	McGill, Eric	G	6-5 265	Jr.	Fort Payne, AL
94	McIntosh, Toddrick	DT	6-3 255	So.	Richardson, TX
33	McMillon, Tiger	TB	5-10 185	Fr.	Kissimmee, FL
69	McNeil, Patrick	G	6-3 275	Fr.	Palmetto, FL
32	Moore, Paul	FB	6-1 245	Sr.	Miami, FL
60	Morris, Mike*	G	6-2 277	Sr.	Miami, FL
4	Mowrey, Dan	KS	5-10 165	Fr.	Tallahassee, FL
57	Nance, John	NG	6-2 243	Jr.	Bartow, FL
74	Ostaszewski, Henry*	DT	6-3 260	Sr.	Boynton Bch., FL
75	Ostaszewski, Joe	NG	6-3 260	Sr.	Boynton Bch., FL
56	Palmer, Sterling	OLB	6-7 260	So.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
48	Pauldo, Willie	ILB	6-2 211	So.	Oviedo, FL
92	Roberson, James	OLB	6-3 225	Fr.	Lake Wales, FL
62	Sanders, Troy*	DT	6-2 272	Jr.	Elba, AL
8	Sawyer, Corey	DB	5-10 160	Fr.	Key West, FL
95	Simpson, Carl	DT	6-2 262	Jr.	Baxley, GA
59	Smith, Eric	ILB	5-11 210	Fr.	Live Oak, FL
40	Stallworth, David	ILB	6-2 230	Jr.	Summerdale, AL
52	Stevenson, Robert	T	6-3 272	Jr.	Pensacola, FL
7	Turral, Eric	WR	6-0 183	Jr.	Tallahassee, FL
17	Ward, Charlie	QB	6-1 189	So.	Thomasville, GA
11	Weldon, Casey*	QB	6-1 194	Sr.	Tallahassee, FL
71	Williams, Robert	DT	6-2 270	Sr.	Miami, FL
19	Wimberly, John*	P	6-2 205	Jr.	Tampa, FL

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (8); Defense (9); Kickers (1).

QUICK FACTS

1990 Record: 10-2-0
Head Coach: Bobby Bowden (Florida State record: 132-42-3; Overall record: 205-74-3), Howard '53 (Samford)
Offensive Coordinator: Brad Scott, Missouri-Rolla '76
Defensive Coordinator: Mickey Andrews, Alabama '64

1991 SIGNEES

NAME	POS.	HT.-WT.	HOMETOWN
Alexander, Derrick	L	6-5 255	Jacksonville, FL
Armella, Enzo	L	6-0 280	Miami, FL
Brooks, Derrick	B	6-1 205	Pensacola, FL
Bush, Devin	B	6-0 185	Miami, FL
*Clark, Derrick	B	6-3 230	Apopka, FL
Conoly, Forrest	L	6-7 328	Berlin, CT
Dely, Aaron	E	6-0 170	Tallahassee, FL
Frey, Greg	L	6-5 275	Clearwater, FL
Givens, Roosevelt	L	6-1 275	Dunedin, FL
Holmes, Scott	P	6-3 190	Nashville, TN
Laureano, Juan	L	6-5 275	Orlando, FL
Marion, Tyrant	E	6-3 230	Pompano Bch., FL
McCrone, Jeff	QB	6-3 205	Orange Park, FL
Platto, Matt	E	6-3 235	Crawfordville, FL
Riley, Phillip	E	6-0 175	Orlando, FL
*Rush, Kelly	L	6-6 260	McKeesport, PA
Shiver, Clay	L	6-3 255	Tifton, GA
Smith, Marquette	B	5-9 190	Casselberry, FL
Tyre, Lewis	L	6-5 240	Baxley, GA

*denotes junior college transfer

CAREER LEADERS

Rushing (yds.): Greg Allen, 3,769 (1981-84)
Passing (yds.): Gary Huff, 6,378 (1970-72)
Receiving (yds.): Ron Sellers, 3,598 (1966-68)
Interceptions: Monk Bonasorte, 15 (1977-1980)
Punting (avg.): Rohn Stark, 42.7 (1978-81)

Information provided by Wayne Hogan, Director of Communications.

GEORGIA

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.-WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
44	Allen, John*	ILB	6-2	237	Sr. Lindale, GA
81	Armstrong, Scot*	P	6-2	187	So. Jackson, MS
63	Barber, Fred	OL	6-4	257	So. Chattanooga, TN
41	Bayonne, Kevin	FB	6-0	215	Sr. Playa Del Rey, CA
84	Bohannon, Brian	WR	5-11	181	So. Griffin, GA
8	Booker, Andre	WR	6-3	180	Fr. Sarasota, FL
83	Brandon, Collin	TE	6-4	230	So. Huntersville, NC
75	Brewer, George	DT	6-5	276	So. West Point, GA
28	Butler, Carlo	OLB	6-3	207	So. Valdosta, GA
27	Carswell, Chuck	CB	5-10	195	Sr. Marietta, GA
93	Coney, Eric*	OLB	6-4	225	Sr. Atlanta, GA
10	David, Drew	DB	6-1	200	Fr. Cairo, GA
58	Davis, Mitch*	OLB	6-3	240	So. Mobile, AL
67	DeFoor, Russell*	G	6-4	249	Sr. Calhoun, GA
68	Duggins, Brent	T	6-4	265	Fr. Carrollton, GA
17	Dupree, Joe	QB	6-2	190	So. Macon, GA
86	Etheridge, Paul	TE	6-6	237	Jr. Atlanta, GA
80	Evans, Damon	SE	6-3	185	Jr. Oakwood, GA
45	Evans, Torrey	ILB	6-2	220	Jr. Atlanta, GA
74	Fellows, Mike	T	6-4	288	Jr. Hartwell, GA
15	Fouch, Earl	SS	6-2	190	So. Hartwell, GA
30	Grace, Dewayne	ILB	6-0	201	Jr. Warner Robins, GA
47	Hamil, Jason	FB	6-0	203	So. Nashville, GA
25	Hargett, David	SS	6-1	202	Sr. Valdosta, GA
49	Harrell, Maurice	OLB	6-3	210	Fr. Eastman, GA
7	Harvey, Frank	TB	6-0	220	So. Dawson, GA
1	Hastings, Andre	WR	6-3	180	So. Morrow, GA
5	Hearst, Garrison*	TB	5-11	190	So. Lincolnton, GA
61	Hubbard, Doug	G	6-4	237	So. Valdosta, GA
72	Huzzie, Tracy	DL	6-3	292	So. La Grange, GA
2	Jackson, Al*	CB	6-0	180	Jr. Pensacola, FL
54	Jackson, Greg	OLB	6-3	223	Jr. Sharon, GA
56	Jennings, Willie*	DT	6-5	280	So. College Park, GA
9	Jones, Mike*	FS	6-3	215	Jr. Thomasville, GA
14	Jones, Preston	QB	6-3	220	Jr. Anderson, SC
51	Jones, Travis	ILB	6-3	220	So. Irwinton, GA
69	Lewis, Floyd	T	6-3	305	Fr. Carrollton, GA
95	Maib, Donnie	NG	6-3	260	Jr. Gallatin, TN
12	Marshall, Arthur	FLK	5-11	175	Sr. Hephzibah, GA
4	Maxwell, Kevin*	FLK	5-10	180	Sr. Zama, Japan
29	McCoy, Rodney	SE	6-2	170	Jr. Villa Rica, GA
71	Millen, Alec	T	6-7	280	Jr. Atlanta, GA
82	Mitchell, Shannon	TE	6-3	230	So. Alcoa, TN
13	Montgomery, Bill	CB	6-0	183	Fr. Bowdon, GA
18	Moore, Brian	QB	5-11	198	Sr. Watkinsville, GA
23	Moore, Steve	WR	5-9	175	Sr. Cartersville, GA
89	Palmer, Jason	TE	6-3	223	So. Soperton, GA
	Peterson, Todd	PK	5-9	169	Jr. Valdosta, GA
46	Pledger, Charles	CB	6-0	180	Fr. Athens, GA
70	Rissmiller, Scott	SN	6-6	281	Jr. Roanoke, VA
79	Roberts, Steve	G	6-3	260	Fr. Dalton, GA
64	Rogers, Daniel	T	6-4	276	So. Lyman, SC
66	Rosenberg, Bill*	T	6-3	271	Jr. Morehead, KY
78	Sadler, Haze*	G	6-3	275	Sr. Albany, GA
42	Simmons, DeWayne*	ILB	6-0	205	Sr. Lincolnton, GA
97	Steele, Mike*	NG-DT	6-4	265	Jr. Wichita, KS
32	Strong, Mack	FB	6-0	200	Jr. Columbus, GA
76	Swan, Jack*	C	6-4	269	Jr. Woodland Hills, CA
11	Talley, Greg*	QB	6-1	197	Sr. Valdosta, GA
77	Tellis, LeMonte*	T	6-4	284	Sr. Dunwoody, GA
26	Thompson, Ralph	FS	6-1	175	So. Nashville, TN
35	Thornton, Mike	FB	5-10	210	Fr. Albany, GA
92	Von Harten, Ray	NG	6-3	245	Sr. Beaufort, SC
53	Ward, Damon	ILB	6-1	230	Fr. Memphis, TN
65	Ware, Clay	DL	6-3	248	So. Toccoa, GA
24	Ware, Larry	TB	5-9	180	Sr. Montgomery, AL
87	Warner, James	TE	6-3	220	Fr. Newnan, GA
48	Washington, Andre	ILB	6-1	210	So. Jacksonville, FL
96	Williams, Bernard	DT	6-9	255	So. Memphis, TN
19	Wilson, Chad	SE	6-0	188	So. Jesup, GA
16	Wilson, Chris*	CB	5-8	175	Jr. Macon, GA
91	Wolford, Randy	NG	6-5	263	So. Cumberland, MD
22	Wynn, George*	CB	5-8	163	Sr. Atlanta, GA
20	Yancy, Carlos	CB	6-2	190	Fr. Sarasota, FL
3	Zeier, Eric	QB	6-2	200	Fr. Marietta, GA

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (8); Defense (10); Kickers (1).

Information provided by Claude Felton, Sports Information Director.

QUICK FACTS

1990 Record: 4-7-0; 2-5-0 T6th SEC

Head Coach: Ray Goff (Georgia record: 10-13-0; Overall record: 10-13-0), Georgia '77

Offensive Coordinator: Wayne McDuffie, Florida St. '68

Defensive Coordinator: Richard Bell, Arkansas '59

1991 SIGNEES

NAME	POS.	HT.-WT.	HOMETOWN
Chosewood, Chad	OL	6-7 295	Alto, GA
Dillard, Leon	QB-WR	6-1 180	Riverdale, GA
Fredenburg, Mike	OL	6-5 290	Kennesaw, GA
Gates, Steve	OL	6-4 287	Marietta, GA
*Hambrick, Michael	LB	6-1 230	Daly City, CA
Kaiser, Jeff	DL	6-4 240	Statesboro, GA
*Kauvaka, Wilson	FB	6-2 255	Salt Lake City, UT
Marshall, Whit	DB	6-2 202	Atlanta, GA
McKever, DeShay	DL	6-2 245	Hazlehurst, GA
†Millen, Alec	T	6-7 280	Atlanta, GA
Nolan, Mario	LB-RB	6-3 220	Memphis, TN
Owens, Buster	WR	6-0 185	La Grange, GA
Parkman, Kanon	PK	5-11 170	Stone Mtn., GA
Smith, Derrick	LB	6-3 230	Memphis, TN
Stark, Troy	TE	6-6 240	Canandaigua, NY
Stephens, Jock	DB	6-5 200	Augusta, GA
Stevens, Shannon	LB	6-4 245	Cumberland, MD
Taylor, Paul	OL	6-5 250	Rome, GA
Thomas, Jeff	QB	6-2 189	Valdosta, GA
*Wallace, Tom	DL	6-6 275	Madison, OH
Weeks, David	OL	6-6 245	Atlanta, GA
Zeier, Eric	QB	6-2 200	Marietta, GA

*denotes junior college transfer
†denotes major college transfer

KENTUCKY

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.-WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
1	Armstead, Brad*	FS	6-0	180	Jr. Henderson, KY
76	Askin, Mark	T	6-5	275	Fr. Louisville, KY
37	Ball, Shane	LB	6-2	210	Fr. Henderson, KY
59	Beehn, Zane	STR	6-4	220	So. Owensboro, KY
98	Bell, Jerry*	DT	6-3	275	Sr. Louisville, KY
31	Berry, Steve	LB	6-0	218	So. Winter Park, FL
99	Betz, Damon	DT	6-4	285	Fr. Wilmington, DE
65	Bradley, Chuck*	T	6-5	278	Jr. Louisville, KY
53	Branum, Matt*	C	6-2	261	Jr. Florence, KY
95	Calvert, Tim	FL	5-9	159	So. Mt. Wash., KY
9	Campbell, Bill	ROV	5-10	170	So. Lexington, KY
33	Cannon, Willie	HIT	5-11	170	Fr. Miami, FL
66	Casanova, Louis	G	6-0	243	So. Upper St. Clair, PA
7	Clark, Neal	SE	5-9	170	Sr. Paducah, KY
92	Collins, Jon	NG	5-10	250	Jr. Madisonville, KY
30	Conn, Darryl	BAN	5-11	180	So. Franklin, KY
48	Couch, Joey*	NG	6-1	250	Sr. Paintsville, KY
89	Dean, Mickey	TE	6-4	235	Jr. Sarasota, FL
69	Dombroski, Jason	G	6-2	265	So. La Grange, KY
29	Evans, Brian	SE	6-0	175	So. Louisville, KY
6	Gilley, Scott	FL	5-10	185	So. Tampa, FL
87	Graves, Jim	STR	6-6	245	Sr. Lexington, KY
55	Hahn, Travis	C	6-3	255	Jr. Louisville, KY
62	Harper, Dude	C	6-0	235	Fr. Clemson, SC
13	Hawk, Bill*	P	6-0	208	Sr. Santa Ynez, CA
19	Hockman, Ryan	QB	6-2	195	Jr. Harrison, OH
17	Jackson, Larry*	ROV	5-11	200	Sr. Mayfield, KY
52	Jackson, Wesley	G	6-3	265	So. Louisville, KY
43	Johnson, Ken	BAN	5-11	205	So. Ellwood City, PA
8	Johnson, Kurt	FL	5-7	140	Jr. Paducah, KY
25	Johnson, Melvin	FS	5-11	175	Fr. Cincinnati, OH
16	Jones, Pookie	QB	6-1	185	Fr. Murray, KY
14	Kinney, Mike	QB	6-3	195	Fr. Wheaton, IL
71	Lahr, Greg*	T	6-5	270	Sr. Pickerington, OH
18	Maggard, Freddie*	QB	6-2	212	Sr. Cumberland, KY
57	Matthews, Jody	G	6-0	252	Jr. Villa Rica, GA
54	Maynard, T.J.	C	6-4	255	Jr. Flatwoods, KY
86	McClellan, Eugene	DE	6-3	265	Jr. Cincinnati, OH
96	Merkle, John	NG	6-3	245	Fr. Memphis, TN
45	Moore, Marty	LB	6-1	225	So. Ft. Thomas, KY
47	Page, Neil	TE	6-4	250	Jr. Roswell, GA
64	Parks, David	C	6-2	245	So. Villa Rica, GA
21	Pelfrey, Doug*	PK	5-11	178	Jr. Edgewood, KY
75	Perine, John	DT	6-4	290	Fr. Mobile, AL
68	Perry, Todd*	G	6-4	265	Jr. Elizabethtown, KY
15	Powers, Travis	SE	5-11	185	Jr. Middlesboro, KY
72	Purdie, Aaron	DE	6-4	250	Fr. Toledo, OH
23	Redd, Donnie	TB	5-7	165	Fr. Danville, KY
77	Reedy, Chris	G	6-3	240	Jr. Elizabethtown, KY
36	Riazzi, Matt	TB	5-7	181	So. Kettering, OH
90	Rich, Barry	DT	6-1	265	So. Tompkinsville, KY
38	Robinson, Donald	CB	6-1	170	So. Richmond, VA
10	Rubin, Don	PK	5-9	185	Jr. Miami, FL
27	Rudolph, Clyde	TB	5-7	150	Fr. Pensacola, FL
67	Sammarone, Chris	G	6-1	230	Fr. Youngstown, OH
44	Samuels, Terry*	FB	6-2	240	So. Louisville, KY
37	See, Dale	FB	5-6	227	Sr. Columbus, OH
26	Shahid, Salim	ROV	6-3	187	So. Louisville, KY
24	Sherwood, Adrian	HIT	5-11	165	So. Texas City, TX
78	Shuford, Brad	DT	6-3	270	Jr. Cincinnati, OH
51	Simpson, James	LB	6-1	275	Fr. Louisville, KY
11	Smith, Brad	QB	6-3	200	Jr. Lakeland, FL
46	Smith, Reggie	LB	6-3	209	Jr. Cleveland, OH
58	Smith, Sean	LB	5-11	220	So. Louisville, KY
94	Stinson, Robert	DT	6-4	260	Fr. Cadiz, KY
49	Sullivan, Roger	LB	6-3	220	Fr. White Oak, PA
56	Thomas, Derrick*	DE	6-2	227	Sr. Lexington, KY
32	Thomas, Mike	TB	5-11	205	Sr. Somerset, NJ
12	Walker, Craig	TB	5-10	205	Jr. Louisville, KY
4	Ward, Sterling*	CB	5-11	175	Jr. Lexington, KY
93	Webster, Mickey	STR	6-2	225	Fr. Pikeville, KY
73	Weihe, Jeff	T	6-4	250	Jr. Louisville, KY
42	Wells, Dean*	STR	6-3	230	Jr. Louisville, KY
3	Williams, Duce	BAN	6-0	185	So. Bethel Park, PA
2	Willis, Gary*	HIT	6-1	177	Sr. Gainesville, FL

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (6); Defense (8); Kickers (2).

Information provided by Joey Howard, Football SID.

QUICK FACTS

1990 Record: 4-7-0; 3-4-0 5th SEC

Head Coach: Bill Curry (Kentucky record: 4-7-0; Overall record: 61-60-4), Georgia Tech '65

Offensive Coordinator: Rick Rhoades, Cent. Missouri St. '70

Defensive Coordinator: Larry New, Illinois '65

1991 SIGNEES

NAME	POS.	HT.-WT.	HOMETOWN
Britt, Andy	L	6-4 240	Russellville, KY
Cipp, Jeff	B	6-2 215	Brookhaven, NY
Crosley, Scott	L	6-4 250	Carmel, IN
Hall, Steve	B	6-2 185	New Haven, IN
Hicks, Dan	B	5-8 175	Lexington, KY
Hood, Damon	B	6-2 205	Bowling Green, KY
Jenkins, D'André	B	5-11 160	Mobile, AL
Jones, Barry	L	6-5 275	Ft. Mitchell, KY
Key, Donté	L	6-3 210	Franklin, KY
Langenkamp, Steve	L	6-4 225	Cincinnati, OH
Miller, Tony	B	5-10 175	Coatesville, PA
Neuss, Matt	L	6-2 215	Bellport, NY
Niece, Jeremy	B	6-4 200	Irvine, KY
O'Ferral, Antonio	B	5-10 180	E. Patchogue, NY
Page, Chris	L	6-7 275	Roswell, GA
Pipkin, Jabbar	B	5-9 170	Tompkinsville, KY
Reeves, Corey	L	6-3 235	Corbin, KY
Schlegel, Mike	L	6-4 220	Harahan, LA
Smith, Leon	B	5-10 180	Louisville, KY
Snardon, David	B	6-2 205	Louisville, KY
Tucker, James	B	6-2 195	Arlington, TX
Wells, Emerson	B	6-3 225	Paducah, KY

CAREER LEADERS

Rushing (yds.): Sonny Collins, 3,835 (1972-75)
Passing (yds.): Bill Ransdell, 5,564 (1983-86)
Receiving (yds.): Felix Wilson, 1,508 (1977-79)
Interceptions: Darryl Bishop, 14 (1971-73)

LOUISIANA STATE

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
26	Abel, Leo	RB	6-2	215	So.	Baton Rouge, LA
21	Adams, Raefel*	CB	6-0	164	Jr.	Jasper, TX
47	Alexander, Ricky	ILB	5-11	227	Sr.	Pascagoula, MS
33	Beckham, Odell	TB	5-10	193	Jr.	Marshall, TX
86	Bishop, Harold*	TE	6-6	242	So.	Tuscaloosa, AL
95	Boutte, Marc*	DT	6-4	260	Sr.	Lake Charles, LA
18	Brown, Jerry	DB	5-9	172	Fr.	Camden, NJ
68	Brown, Kevin	OL	6-3	301	Fr.	Hialeah, FL
8	Buckels, Carlton	CB	5-9	164	Jr.	Amite, LA
70	Cancienne, Jeff	T	6-6	287	So.	Luling, LA
1	Carter, Marcus*	FL	6-0	207	So.	Mansfield, LA
58	Cendoya, Juan	OLB	6-3	231	Jr.	Miami, FL
15	Daigle, Jesse	QB	5-11	175	So.	Baton Rouge, LA
96	Davis, Bo	NG	6-0	288	Sr.	Mendenhall, MS
75	Duplantis, Mike	T	6-4	259	Jr.	Mathews, LA
63	Fayard, Jonny	OL-P	6-3	246	Fr.	Marrero, LA
27	Fuller, Vincent	SS	5-10	178	Jr.	Leesville, LA
12	Garrett, Mike	TB	5-11	203	Jr.	The Woodlands, TX
55	Godfrey, Frank*	C	6-4	251	Jr.	Pascagoula, MS
28	Green, Robby	WS	6-0	182	Jr.	Gretna, LA
87	Griffith, Brian*	P	6-2	195	Sr.	Memphis, TN
30	Hankton, Karl	RB-P	6-2	180	Fr.	New Orleans, LA
91	Harris, Leonard	DT	6-6	279	Jr.	Baton Rouge, LA
45	Hewitt, Mike*	OLB	6-3	223	So.	Slidell, LA
40	Hilliard, Ivory	WS	6-0	185	Fr.	Patterson, LA
94	Inzinna, Brody	LB	6-1	229	Fr.	Tickfaw, LA
9	Jacob, Wesley	FL	6-0	189	Jr.	Crowley, LA
34	Jacquet, James	RB	5-10	180	So.	St. Martinville, LA
88	Jenkins, Brian	TE	6-6	228	Jr.	Palestine, TX
78	Johnston, Craig	G	6-3	300	So.	Crosby, TX
49	Kinchen, Todd*	SE	6-0	192	Sr.	Baton Rouge, LA
89	King, Shawn	OLB	6-3	239	So.	Monroe, LA
77	Kolasa, Gary	DT-P	6-3	285	Fr.	Mathews, LA
76	Landry, Darron*	G	6-3	260	Jr.	Ponchatoula, LA
16	Loup, Chad*	QB	6-2	207	So.	Baton Rouge, LA
14	Marshall, Anthony*	WS	6-2	196	So.	Mobile, AL
69	Martin, Andy*	G-T	6-5	275	Sr.	De Ridder, LA
52	Mawae, Kevin*	C-G	6-4	244	So.	Leesville, LA
25	McCorvey, Derriel*	SS	6-1	194	Jr.	Pensacola, FL
4	Mero, Joe	CB	5-11	184	Sr.	New Orleans, LA
98	Miller, Nathan	DT	6-4	323	Fr.	Tuscaloosa, AL
7	Moock, Chris	QB	6-1	185	Sr.	Greenwell Spgs., LA
90	Morgan, John*	DT	6-5	270	Jr.	Rayne, LA
59	Mouton, Clayton	NG	6-2	264	Jr.	Beaumont, TX
92	Nevedomsky, Shannon	NG	6-3	267	So.	Humble, TX
82	Pegues, Gary	WR	5-8	167	Fr.	Ft. Walton, FL
38	Pope, Derek	RB	6-1	218	Sr.	New Orleans, LA
79	Price, Marcus	T	6-5	280	Fr.	Port Arthur, TX
17	Ray, Scott	FL	6-3	196	So.	Baton Rouge, LA
19	Raymond, Corey	CB-S	5-11	185	Sr.	New Iberia, LA
74	Schroeder, Kurt	G	6-3	265	Fr.	Gonzalez, FL
29	Seamster, Sammy*	RB	5-10	210	Jr.	Minden, LA
65	Setters, Ross	T	6-5	285	So.	Memphis, MO
73	Simnicht, Ronnie	T	6-5	285	So.	Ocean Springs, MS
72	Simon, Phillip	G	6-3	281	Fr.	St. Martinville, LA
5	Simon, Thomas	QB	6-0	175	Fr.	Lake Charles, LA
61	Smoot, Raymond	T	6-4	275	Jr.	Leesville, LA
43	Soares, Fred	ILB	6-2	220	Sr.	Santa Ana, CA
60	Starns, Roman	OL	6-3	247	Fr.	Center, TX
24	Stepteau, Mike	CB-S	5-11	182	Jr.	San Antonio, TX
10	Strohm, Brad	QB	6-3	199	So.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
6	Suarez, Pedro*	PK	5-9	176	Jr.	Hialeah, FL
35	Swan, Roovelroe*	OLB	6-3	210	So.	Shreveport, LA
62	Thomas, Stanley	NG	6-1	271	So.	Marshall, TX
66	Truax, Chris	G	6-3	292	Sr.	Richardson, TX
56	Walker, Reggie	ILB	5-11	215	Sr.	New Orleans, LA
85	Walkup, David*	ILB	6-1	222	Jr.	The Woodlands, TX
13	Washington, Ricardo	TE	6-4	216	So.	Bogalusa, LA
64	Wharton, Scott*	NG	6-1	254	Sr.	Baton Rouge, LA
54	White, Corey	ILB	6-3	238	So.	Shreveport, LA
48	Williams, Anthony*	ILB	6-2	231	Jr.	Monroe, LA
32	Williams, Darrell	RB	6-1	219	Sr.	Hempstead, TX
36	Williams, Germaine	RB	5-11	217	So.	Donaldsonville, LA
23	Williams, Wayne*	CB	5-8	173	Sr.	Brazoria, TX

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (9); Defense (11); Kickers (2).

QUICK FACTS

1990 Record: 5-6-0; 2-5-0 T6th SEC

Head Coach: Curley Hallman (LSU record: 0-0-0; Overall record: 23-11-0), Texas A&M '70

Offensive Coordinator: George Haffner, McNeese St. '65

Defensive Coordinator: Mike Bugar, Florida St. '69

1991 SIGNEES

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
Bell, John	DB	6-0	180	La Porte, TX
Brooks, Kimojha	DB	6-3	195	De Ridder, LA
Burks, Todd	DB	6-0	180	Denham Spgs., LA
Cole, Tony	DB	5-11	175	Shreveport, LA
Crowell, William	LB	6-0	235	Meridian, MS
Deshotel, Robert	LB	6-2	225	Lake Charles, LA
Dupre, Jeff	OL	6-8	308	Opelousas, LA
Huerkamp, Matt	PK	6-0	172	Shalimar, FL
Huffman, Ryan	QB	6-3	205	Houston, TX
King, Mark	OL	6-4	260	Houma, LA
*Madden, Brian	NG	6-4	270	Indianapolis, IN
McClain, John	RB	6-1	215	Cartersville, GA
Robinson, Craig	DL	6-5	265	Jackson, MS
Smothers, Jason	LB	6-2	240	Destrehan, LA
Stelly, Brandon	TE	6-4	248	Opelousas, LA
Sterling, Jerome	OL	6-3	250	River Ridge, LA
Thibodeaux, Robert	DE	6-2	245	River Ridge, LA
Turner, Tom	OL	6-5	260	Bastrop, LA
Valentino, Eric	LB	6-5	210	Houston, TX
Ward, Brian	OL	6-4	280	Linden, AL
Williams, Bobby	LB	6-2	225	Ruston, LA
Williams, Lee	DB	6-3	213	Monroe, LA
Young, Rodney	DB	6-2	205	Grambling, LA

*denotes junior college transfer

Information provided by Herb Vincent, Asst. AD/SID.

LOUISIANA TECH

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
	Albert, Cornelius	DE	6-2	220	So.	Camden, AR
92	Alexander, Jim	TE	6-2	209	So.	Lake Charles, LA
9	Alfele, Pete	DB	6-1	190	Jr.	West Palm Beach, FL
20	Altic, Daryl	P	6-0	180	Jr.	Pomona, KS
64	Apple, Alan*	OL	6-4	257	Sr.	Carthage, TX
37	Baker, Lorenza*	LB	5-10	206	Sr.	Haughton, LA
56	Baker, Myron*	LB	6-1	212	Jr.	Haughton, LA
36	Battle, Key	LB	5-11	235	So.	Paris, TX
32	Benoit, Shane	RB	6-1	210	Jr.	Welsh, LA
67	Berguson, Ben	C	6-0	254	Jr.	Ruston, LA
80	Bland, Paul	WR	5-10	170	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
69	Block, Chris	T	6-4	271	Fr.	Arlington, TX
46	Bolton, Carlos	LB	5-11	215	So.	Terrell, TX
18	Boniol, Chris*	K	5-11	148	So.	Alexandria, LA
59	Boyd, Andy	LB	6-1	190	Fr.	Garland, TX
3	Boyd, John	DB	5-10	190	Jr.	Kansas City, MO
63	Brad, Bull	OL	6-4	245	Fr.	Mansfield, LA
93	Brady, Warren	DT	6-0	230	Sr.	Zachary, LA
61	Brannon, Trae	LB	6-0	232	Sr.	Plano, TX
5	Broudy, Carey	DB	6-2	190	Jr.	Winnfield, LA
65	Calvery, Craig	T	6-4	277	Jr.	Irving, TX
83	Christensen, Wade	TE	6-3	233	Jr.	Richfield, UT
94	Cook, Rusty	DE	6-4	250	Sr.	Hughes Springs, TX
45	Cooper, Jason	RB	6-1	192	Fr.	Texarkana, TX
78	Crawford, Kavin*	DT	6-2	272	So.	Tulsa, OK
23	Davis, Jason	RB	6-1	202	Jr.	Bossier City, LA
97	Dunn, Norman	LB	6-2	220	Jr.	Little Rock, AR
33	Evans, Doug*	SS	6-0	179	Jr.	Haynesville, LA
19	Evans, Jamie	DB	5-11	168	Sr.	Daingerfield, TX
14	Ferguson, Aaron	QB	6-4	183	So.	Enid, OK
7	Francis, Brian	WR	5-11	176	So.	Port Arthur, TX
91	Golden, Russ	LB	5-11	200	Jr.	Jonesboro, LA
52	Goodyear, Nathan	C	6-1	259	So.	Enid, OK
16	Gray, Chris	CB	5-11	155	Fr.	Dallas, TX
81	Henry, John	WR	5-9	170	Jr.	Wisner, LA
40	Hollis, Travis	TE	6-0	218	So.	Choudrant, LA
70	Holman, Jerry	OL	6-2	243	So.	Springhill, LA
4	Hughes, Sam	QB	6-4	222	Jr.	Lake Worth, FL
54	Hunt, Glenn*	T	6-4	275	Sr.	Duncanville, TX
11	Johnson, Gene*	QB	6-1	201	Sr.	West Monroe, LA
88	Joseph, Tadera	WR	5-9	172	Sr.	Cecilia, LA
2	Kennedy, Jerald*	WB	5-7	175	Jr.	Ruston, LA
47	Kingrea, Rocky	DB	5-11	184	Fr.	Monroe, LA
74	Kirstein, Ruel	OL	6-2	270	Jr.	Iowa Falls, IA
81	Lamb, Todd	WR	5-10	163	Fr.	Enid, OK
85	Lancaster, Greg	TE	6-5	235	Fr.	Shreveport, LA
72	Laudon, Matt	OL	6-4	288	So.	Ennis, TX
34	Lawrence, Gerald	RB	5-11	186	So.	Grand Prairie, TX
1	Leary, Donnovan	DB	5-10	172	Jr.	Bunkie, LA
25	Loyd, Demise*	FS	6-1	196	Sr.	Jonesboro, AR
95	McMahan, Howard*	DT	6-3	236	Sr.	Jacksonville, AR
86	Miller, Mark	WR	6-0	162	So.	Bartlesville, OK
21	Parham, Corey	WR	5-9	175	Jr.	Dallas, TX
60	Parker, David	G	6-6	269	Jr.	Waterproof, LA
53	Piete, Herman	LB	5-10	215	Jr.	Monroe, LA
50	Price, Fred	LB	6-3	198	Fr.	Monroe, LA
71	Roaf, Willie*	T	6-5	275	Jr.	Pine Bluff, AR
6	Robinson, Ryan	DB	5-10	185	Fr.	Marrero, LA
75	Rollins, Baron	DL	6-5	326	Jr.	Winnsboro, LA
98	Ross, Chris	LB	6-0	234	Fr.	New Orleans, LA
79	Sharp, Chris	T	6-8	300	So.	Garland, TX
24	Sharp, Deon	DB	6-0	184	Jr.	Lafayette, LA
8	Singleton, Cedric	DB	5-10	184	Sr.	Natchez, MS
96	Smith, Artie	DL	6-4	286	Jr.	Stillwater, OK
	Sweeney, John	TE	6-5	240	Jr.	Ft. Worth, TX
73	Taylor, James	C-DT	6-3	260	Fr.	Texarkana, AR
38	Washington, Mike	RB	5-9	197	Fr.	Hot Springs, AR
90	Whelchel, Joseph	DL	6-5	240	Jr.	Pattonville, TX
76	Whelchel, Loyd	G	6-5	258	Jr.	Pattonville, TX
49	Wilson, Pat	LB	5-11	193	Sr.	Monroe, LA
84	Wilson, Steve	DE	6-1	220	Jr.	Little Rock, AR
28	Wooden, Irvin III	LB	6-0	210	Jr.	New Orleans, LA

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (5); Defense (6); Kickers (1).

QUICK FACTS

1990 Record: 8-3-1

Head Coach: Joe Raymond Peace (Louisiana Tech record: 17-14-2; Overall record: 17-14-2), Louisiana Tech '68

Offensive Coordinator: Pat Tilley, Louisiana Tech '75

Defensive Coordinator: John Thompson, Central Arkansas '78

1991 SIGNEES

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
*Altic, Daryl	P	6-0	180	Pomona, KS
Barnes, Randolph	RB	5-11	190	Port Arthur, TX
*Bland, Paul	WR	5-10	170	St. Louis, MO
*Boyd, John	DB	5-10	190	Kansas City, MO
Byrd, Jerry	OL	6-4	250	Shreveport, LA
Carrigan, Shane	LB	6-2	185	Tampa, FL
Carter, Wilford	DB	5-11	175	Lake Charles, LA
Clark, Brody	LB	6-2	200	Tyler, TX
Davidson, Greg	DL	6-4	245	Kaufman, TX
Gatchell, Sean	OL	6-3	240	Bedford, TX
*Henry, John	WR	5-9	170	Wisner, LA
Hicks, Terrance	LB	6-2	205	Ruston, LA
Jones, Billy Dale	DL	6-4	240	Monroe, LA
*Kirstein, Ruel	OL	6-2	270	Iowa Falls, IA
Mason, Bryan	TE	6-1	240	Ruston, LA
*McNeil, William	DL	6-1	275	Meridian, MS
Reed, Lance	LB	6-0	210	Natchez, MS
Rogers, John	OL	6-5	260	Little Rock, AR
Sumrall, Matthew	RB	5-11	200	Ruston, LA
*Sweeney, John	TE	6-5	240	Ft. Worth, TX
Thomas, Jerome	TE	6-3	210	Jones, LA
Washington, Preston	TE	6-4	200	New Orleans, LA

*denotes junior college transfer

Information provided by Keith Prince, Director of Sports Promotions.

LOUISVILLE

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.-WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
	Austin, Jay	QB	6-3	210	So. St. Petersburg, FL
82	Barney, Zoe	TE	6-4	218	Fr. Dublin, OH
50	Bell, Anwar	LB	6-0	215	Fr. Houston, TX
24	Blackford, William*	QC	5-11	189	Sr. Buffalo, NY
70	Blumeier, Kevin*	OT	6-3	259	Jr. Louisville, KY
64	Bock, John	OG	6-3	259	So. Crystal Lake, IL
68	Bosworth, Billy	OT	6-4	256	Sr. Weirton, WV
	Boykin, Deral	RB	5-11	188	Jr. Kent, OH
91	Brohm, Greg*	SE	6-0	169	Jr. Louisville, KY
11	Brohm, Jeff	QB	6-1	188	Jr. Louisville, KY
81	Brookfield, Brandon	K	5-11	191	Fr. Littleton, CO
85	Brown, Kendall	DE	6-3	226	Fr. Detroit, MI
34	Buchanan, Ray*	FS	5-10	185	Jr. Maywood, IL
15	Butler, Liggett	SS	5-9	178	Jr. Polk City, FL
6	Bynoe, Rawle	FS	5-11	178	Jr. Mississauga, ON
76	Carroll, Tom	LG	6-3	245	So. Columbus, OH
	Carter, Eric	RB	6-0	185	So. Louisville, KY
41	Cavallo, Tom	LB	6-1	217	So. St. Charles, IL
51	Clarke, Jerry	LB	6-2	234	Fr. St. Louis, MO
	Collins, Chris	DT	6-1	250	Jr. Louisville, KY
	Cook, Kevin	WR	6-1	193	So. Columbus, OH
12	Cornell, Andrew	QB	6-0	194	Fr. N. Manchester, IN
21	Cromwell, Curt	K	6-0	213	Fr. Paducah, KY
62	Culley, Andy	LB	6-3	233	Jr. Geneva, IL
22	Dawkins, Ralph*	FB	5-9	205	So. Jacksonville, FL
61	Debold, Dave	OG	6-2	245	So. Marthasville, MO
92	Dubois, Dave	DT	6-3	241	So. Evergreen Park, IL
57	Figg, Carey*	C	6-1	265	Sr. Bardstown, KY
23	Fitzpatrick, Chris	FB	5-10	205	Fr. St. Petersburg, FL
18	Gaines, Kevin	QC	6-0	176	So. Euclid, OH
98	German, Ron	DT	6-2	273	Sr. Hobart, IN
8	Green, Adrian	QC	6-1	199	So. Louisville, KY
88	Gonzalez, Jose	TE	6-4	209	Jr. St. Anne, IL
65	Hampton, Chris	LB	6-1	225	Fr. Louisville, KY
95	Hanna, Jim	DE	6-3	229	So. West Palm Bch., FL
45	Hawthorne, Derek	FS	6-0	189	Sr. Indianapolis, IN
55	Hayes, Brian*	DE	6-3	254	Sr. Chicago, IL
	Haynes, Willie B.	RB	6-2	215	Fr. Cleveland, OH
71	Henchy, Stephen	OL	6-6	265	Fr. N. Miami Beach, FL
49	Henderson, Ivey	LB	6-1	218	So. Port St. Joe, FL
35	Hill, Marcus	LB	6-0	233	Fr. Sheffield, AL
31	Holmes, Teronnie	RB	5-8	180	Fr. Paducah, KY
27	Jackson, Shawn	SC	6-0	177	Fr. Houston, TX
	Jacobson, Len	WR	5-11	175	Fr. Evansville, IN
83	Johnson, Joe	DE	6-3	250	Fr. St. Louis, MO
90	Jones, Fred*	FL	6-2	196	Sr. Murray, KY
10	Knuutila, Robert	SC	5-11	180	So. Merritt Island, FL
20	Lipsey, Curtis	HB	5-11	188	Jr. Chicago, IL
60	Lobitz, James	OT	6-4	249	Jr. Des Plaines, IL
	Logan, Bill	LB	5-11	204	Fr. St. Petersburg, FL
	Lowe, Marty	QB	6-1	195	Fr. Chattanooga, TN
17	Mason, Lito	WR	5-6	147	Fr. Paducah, KY
	McClure, Allan	DB	6-2	180	Jr. Kansas City, MO
39	McFadden, Ricky*	SS	5-11	201	Sr. Ft. Lauderdale, FL
56	Mills, Mel	DE	6-3	246	Sr. Detroit, MI
9	Minnis, Greg	QC	6-1	190	So. Miami, FL
26	Neely, Mike	SS	6-0	172	Jr. Floyd Knobs, IN
58	Nelson, Mike	LB	6-1	209	Fr. Morris, IL
74	Patrick, Garin	OG	6-2	222	So. Canton, OH
67	Perrotti, Frank	RT	6-5	269	So. Walton Hills, OH
19	Quick, Rhonyia	SC	5-11	194	So. Knoxville, TN
40	Quinn, Terry	SS	6-0	199	Fr. Port St. Joe, FL
97	Ray, Leonard	DT	6-3	237	So. Port St. Joe, FL
79	Rodriguez, Shawn	OT	6-5	242	Jr. Tampa, FL
84	Semak, Anthony	TE	6-4	218	Jr. Osceola, IN
42	Simatacolos, Jim	LB	6-1	216	Jr. Chippewa Lake, OH
	Slyter, Matt	DB	5-10	160	So. Louisville, KY
36	Sumpter, Ben	LB	6-1	205	So. Jacksonville, FL
63	Swafford, Darryl	OG	6-4	251	Sr. Dayton, OH
1	Tuyo, John	WR	6-0	187	Sr. Lilburn, GA
13	Watts, Erik	QB	6-5	224	Sr. Bixby, OK
4	Wilmsmeyer, Klaus*	P-PK	6-2	202	Sr. Mississauga, ON
2	Wyatt, Randy	WR	5-10	162	So. Paducah, KY
86	Young, Chris	K	5-6	174	Fr. Killen, AL

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (5); Defense (4); Kickers (2).

QUICK FACTS

1990 Record: 10-1-1

Head Coach: Howard Schnellenberger (Louisville record: 32-33-2; Overall record: 73-49-2), Kentucky '56

Offensive Coordinator: Gary Nord, Louisville '80; Christ Vagotis, Alabama '66

Defensive Coordinator: Rick Lantz, Central Connecticut St. '63

1991 SIGNEES

NAME	POS.	HT.-WT.	HOMETOWN
Asher, Jamie	DB	6-3 195	Indianapolis, IN
Bean, Karlos	LB	6-2 215	Jacksonville, FL
Bridges, Anthony	CB	5-9 165	Moultrie, GA
Campos, Alan	DE	6-3 215	Miami, FL
Cope, Robin	QB	6-5 220	Okeechobee, FL
Dotson, Tony	DB	6-2 170	St. Louis, MO
Fanning, Jay	LB	6-4 220	Grant Park, IL
Harnden, Ken	PK	5-9 160	Sarasota, FL
Henry, Herbert	FB	6-1 205	Louisville, KY
Jackson, Mike	TE	6-5 235	Cincinnati, OH
Jones, Alton	DE	6-5 220	Moultrie, GA
Lillard, Derrick	TE-DE	6-4 250	Chicago, IL
Lookebill, Earl	TE	6-4 220	Indianapolis, IN
Lowe, Marty	QB	6-2 193	Chattanooga, TN
Magennis, Patrick	LB	6-3 228	Lake Worth, FL
Manash, Mike	DL	6-3 225	Miami, FL
McKinney, Vertis	WR	5-10 175	Cincinnati, OH
Oben, Roman	DT	6-4 240	Washington, DC
Stinson, Jason	DL	6-4 235	Louisville, KY
Thompson, Scott	QB	6-5 203	Tuscumbia, AL
Utley, Shedrick	WR	6-2 196	Houston, TX

CAREER LEADERS

Rushing (yds.): Walter Peacock, 3,204 (1972-75)
Passing (yds.): Jay Gruden, 7,024 (1985-88)
Receiving (yds.): Mark Clayton, 2,004 (1979-82)
Interceptions: Leon Williams, 15 (1978-81)

Information provided by Kenny Klein, Sports Information Director.

MEMPHIS STATE

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.-WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
	Ackley, Brandt	DT	6-7	250	Fr. Millington, TN
21	Allen, Charles	RB	6-1	205	Sr. Los Angeles, CA
12	Allison, Joe*	K	6-1	180	So. Miami, FL
44	Archie, Fred	RB	6-0	185	Fr. Mobile, AL
42	Avery, Bobby	DE	6-2	212	Jr. Mobile, AL
59	Barto, Danton	LB	6-1	237	So. Niceville, FL
5	Benton, Keith*	QB	5-10	180	Sr. Fla. City, FL
56	Bolton, Larry*	C	6-2	260	Jr. Mobile, AL
85	Bookout, Heath	TE	6-5	242	Jr. Pensacola, FL
23	Bosby, Leon	RB	6-2	224	Jr. Fairhope, AL
4	Bouldin, Gary	TE	6-6	226	Jr. Crossville, AL
31	Brigham, Craig	LB	6-0	233	So. Lake Butler, FL
53	Brown, Rod	LB	6-1	210	So. Prattville, AL
81	Buffaloe, Jeff	P	6-0	185	Jr. Memphis, TN
2	Bush, John	FL	6-2	203	Jr. Jacksonville, FL
36	Bynum, Jeff	FB	6-1	210	Jr. Longwood, FL
15	Calloway, Dominic	DB	6-1	180	So. Anniston, AL
10	Cole, Joe	QB	6-3	190	Jr. Jupiter, FL
14	Collins, Anthony	DB	6-2	217	Jr. Mobile, AL
3	Copeland, Russell*	WR	6-1	190	Jr. Tupelo, MS
91	Cox, Larry	DT	6-5	262	Sr. Wagarville, AL
	Crawford, Xavier	RB	5-11	203	Jr. Memphis, TN
27	Crutchfield, Lynord	RB	5-9	180	Fr. Memphis, TN
45	Davis, Michael*	LB	6-0	225	Jr. Jefferson, GA
20	Dower, Matt	K	6-0	160	So. Memphis, TN
94	Duncan, Casey	DT	6-4	260	So. Hopkinsville, KY
89	Elliott, Michael	SS	6-2	208	Jr. Brandon, MS
52	Gagel, Shawn	T	6-3	273	So. St. Cloud, FL
40	Garaffa, David	LB	6-1	215	Sr. Memphis, TN
63	Garcia, Robbie	NG	6-3	273	So. Tampa, FL
58	Gilbert, Frank	G	6-4	325	Sr. Memphis, TN
38	Graham, Chris	DE	6-4	226	Jr. Mary Esther, FL
60	Green, Mark	T	6-6	275	Fr. Warren, MI
41	Hamlin, Kyle	LB	6-1	233	So. Callahan, FL
50	Harris, Jeff	LB	6-0	225	Sr. Winter Park, FL
90	Hawkins, Nyrone	NG	6-1	282	Jr. Montgomery, AL
71	Hinson, Marlowe	T	6-5	257	So. Bainbridge, GA
96	Hobbs, Chris*	NG	6-1	236	Jr. Miami, FL
86	Ingram, Toby	DE	6-6	205	Fr. Lakeland, FL
99	Jansen, Patrick	DT	6-3	252	Jr. Memphis, TN
48	Jones, Anthony*	FB	6-2	242	Jr. Brownsville, TN
9	Jones, Russell	FL	6-2	195	Sr. W. Memphis, AR
33	Jordan, Kevin	DE	6-3	215	Jr. Gadsden, AL
43	Kendall, Herbert	DB	6-0	185	Jr. Lexington, TN
64	King, Jeff	C	6-4	256	So. Hueytown, AL
54	King, Michael	DT	6-4	234	Jr. E. St. Louis, IL
	Linville, Jake	LB	6-0	200	Fr. New Johnsonville, TN
78	Maclin, James*	G	6-1	286	Sr. Covington, TN
	McCowan, C.C.	T	6-5	278	Jr. Venice, CA
18	McCray, Arelius	DB	6-1	200	Jr. Jacksonville, FL
37	McDade, Kenny	DB	6-0	170	Sr. Memphis, TN
69	McKinnon, Lance	DS	6-3	209	Sr. Memphis, TN
	McWilliams, Andy	P	5-10	197	So. New Johnsonville, TN
6	Michael, Chris	DB	6-3	194	So. Millington, TN
93	Navia, Roberto	DT	6-3	270	Sr. Cathedral City, CA
95	Parks, Tony	DT	6-6	255	So. Fayetteville, TN
	Patterson, Ray	RB	5-11	190	Jr. Kinloch, MO
24	Phillips, Marlon	DB	6-1	193	So. Sarasota, FL
28	Porter, Larry	RB	5-11	190	So. Columbus, GA
	Robinson, Cliff	RB	5-9	180	Jr. Sepulveda, CA
97	Sawyer, Jeff*	DE	6-4	212	Jr. Mobile, AL
67	Semple, Tony	DT	6-6	255	So. Lincoln, IL
13	Smith, Sid	DB	5-10	185	Sr. Bountiful, UT
76	Stanley, Joe*	T	6-5	286	Jr. Gadsden, AL
87	Stockbridge, Kevin	TE	6-5	225	Fr. Memphis, TN
20	Whiddon, Brett	DB	6-2	190	Fr. Valdosta, GA
19	Williams, Jeremy	DB	5-10	180	Fr. Columbus, GA
62	Williams, Stevie	T	6-3	277	So. Memphis, TN
88	Windom, Ricky*	TE	6-3	260	Sr. Guys, TN

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (7); Defense (3); Kickers (1).

QUICK FACTS

1991 Record: 4-6-1

Head Coach: Chuck Stobart (Memphis St. record: 6-15-1; Overall record: 46-63-3), Ohio '59

Offensive Coordinator: Chuck Stobart

Defensive Coordinator: Joe Lee Dunn, Tennessee-Chattanooga '68

1991 SIGNEES

NAME	POS.	HT.-WT.	HOMETOWN
Bell, Andre	RB	5-10 180	Memphis, TN
Bonner, Dan	LB	6-0 200	Oak Park, IL
Cody, Mac	WR	5-9 165	St. Louis, MO
*Edwards, Sam	DB	6-3 215	Northridge, CA
Fletcher, Frank	RB	5-10 180	Rome, GA
*Geary, Lance	DB	5-10 165	Bakersfield, CA
Hinson, John	NG	5-11 255	Bainbridge, GA
Holliday, Marcus	RB	6-0 215	Memphis, TN
Howington, Mark	LB	6-0 230	Attalla, AL
Irvin, Ken	QB	6-0 190	Lindale, GA
Johnson, Julian	WR	5-9 160	Irvine, CA
Kirk, Billy	TE	6-3 215	Kennesaw, GA
Lowery, Rod	L	6-2 250	Trenton, TN
Mason, Rodney	LB	6-3 240	Memphis, TN
*Miles, Tahrell	DB	5-9 170	Pasadena, CA
*Nelson, Eric	DB	6-3 195	Carson, CA
†Patterson, Ray	RB	5-11 190	Kinloch, MO
Peschke, Joel	L	6-6 230	Milford, OH
*Robinson, Cliff	RB	5-9 185	Sepulveda, CA
*Robinson, Eric	QB	5-11 190	Oceanside, CA
Singler, Scott	RB	5-10 180	Memphis, TN
Stephens, Delray	LB	5-11 205	Columbus, GA
Thomas, Rich	OL	6-5 265	Chicago, IL
Travis, Tarik	WR	5-10 170	Memphis, TN
Watts, Frank	LB	6-0 210	Columbus, GA
Williams, Darrell	QB	6-2 175	Memphis, TN
Woods, Jerome	DB	6-2 190	Memphis, TN

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†denotes major college transfer

Information provided by Bob Winn, Ass't. AD/Communications.

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.-WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
52	Abide, Gary	LB	6-1 230	Jr.	Greenville, MS
57	Allen, Willie	OLB	6-2 220	Jr.	Americus, GA
26	Amos, Dwayne	CB	5-11 180	Jr.	Jackson, MS
66	Anderson, Stu	OLB	6-0 213	Fr.	Jackson, MS
81	Armstrong, Tyji*	TE	6-4 245	Sr.	Inkster, MI
33	Ashley, Tyrone	RB-DB	6-1 195	Sr.	Hialeah, FL
61	Battiste, Chris	G-C	6-2 260	Jr.	Mobile, AL
29	Berry, Lance	K-WR	5-11 150	Fr.	W. Memphis, AR
39	Billings, Darron	RB	5-11 215	Sr.	Jackson, TN
6	Boyd, Danny*	CB	6-1 182	Jr.	Pompano Bch., FL
22	Brice, Alundis	CB	5-11 183	Fr.	Brookhaven, MS
50	Brown, Burkes	G	6-5 260	So.	Natchez, MS
25	Brown, Glenn	RB	6-0 195	Jr.	Jacksonville, FL
27	Brown, Jerry	RB	5-10 177	Fr.	Bloomington, IN
82	Brown, Patrick	TE	6-3 220	Fr.	Greenville, MS
85	Brown, Tony	OLB	6-2 215	Sr.	Madison, AL
5	Brownlee, Vincent*	WR	6-0 180	Sr.	Amory, MS
58	Bush, Bill	DT	6-4 269	Sr.	Columbia, MD
72	Cantu, Lorenzo	G	6-2 265	Jr.	Germantown, TN
36	Carruth, Bert	FS	5-11 182	Fr.	Summit, MS
11	Carter, Jeff*	FS	5-11 180	Sr.	Tuscaloosa, AL
9	Cochrane, Kelly	QB	6-0 202	Fr.	Harrison, AR
76	Conlee, Clint	T	6-4 265	So.	Ripley, MS
27	Courtney, Marvin	RB	6-0 197	So.	Greenville, MS
13	Davis, Steve	QB	6-3 190	Sr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
68	Dew, Cliff*	C	6-2 257	Sr.	Vicksburg, MS
45	Dixon, Johnny	SS	6-0 191	So.	Harvey, LA
70	Ford, Artis	DT	6-3 245	Jr.	Pahokee, FL
10	Godwin, Chauncey*	CB	6-0 175	Sr.	Tupelo, MS
46	Graeber, Jerry	RB	5-10 190	Fr.	Yazoo City, MS
95	Harper, Brian	NG	6-5 247	Jr.	College Park, MD
96	Harris, David	DT	6-4 240	So.	Baton Rouge, LA
49	Harris, Pete*	LB	6-1 230	Sr.	Homestead, FL
60	Henry, Antonio	OLB	6-2 216	Sr.	Rochester, NY
59	Herring, David	G	6-2 241	Sr.	Martin, GA
91	Hervey, Tony	DT	6-5 295	Sr.	Eupora, MS
34	Hill, Jody	LB	6-0 214	Jr.	Falkner, MS
69	Holcombe, James	G	6-3 270	So.	Ty Ty, GA
43	Hopson, Jay	SS	5-10 191	Sr.	Vicksburg, MS
54	Ingram, Kevin	OLB	6-1 233	Sr.	Lima, OH
53	Jackson, Abdul	LB	6-0 234	Fr.	Atlanta, GA
71	Jerome, Scott	T	6-4 256	So.	Wesson, MS
55	Jordan, Joel	G	6-2 240	So.	Clinton, MS
84	Kent, Phillip*	OLB	6-2 235	Sr.	Jackson, MS
66	King, Derrick	LB	6-0 225	Jr.	Pontotoc, MS
8	Lee, Brian*	K	5-9 156	Jr.	Citronelle, AL
75	Lentz, Jim	NG	6-4 264	Sr.	Flemington, NJ
64	Lindsay, Everett*	G	6-5 285	Jr.	Raleigh, NC
35	Logan, Dameion	RB	5-7 179	So.	N. Little Rock, AR
67	Lorio, Franz	C	6-0 220	So.	Jackson, MS
17	Luke, Tom*	QB	6-1 195	Jr.	Gulfport, MS
98	Mays, Brian	DT	6-3 247	So.	Bolivar, TN
15	McKellar, Sonny	RB	5-9 181	Fr.	Hendersonville, TN
87	McLeish, Thomas	TE	6-2 225	Jr.	Dedham, MA
79	Melton, Wesley	T	6-5 266	So.	Midfield, AL
3	Montgomery, Tyrone	WR	5-11 183	Sr.	Greenville, MS
51	Muirhead, Jack	OLB	6-1 230	Jr.	Vicksburg, MS
43	Nalley, Bob	FS	6-1 191	So.	Aiken, SC
99	O'Malley, Sean	NG	5-9 240	So.	Alexandria, VA
31	Orr, Deano	LB	6-1 200	So.	Courtland, AL
1	Owens, Darrick	SE	6-2 195	Sr.	Tallahassee, FL
77	Ralston, Stuart	G	6-1 262	Fr.	Pensacola, FL
14	Shows, Russ	QB	6-4 205	Jr.	Senatobia, MS
4	Small, Eddie	WR	6-0 180	So.	Jacksonville, FL
41	Southerland, Trea	CB	6-0 180	Jr.	Columbus, MS
73	Sparks, Mike	T	6-4 288	Sr.	Woodstown, NJ
63	Spencer, Montey	G	6-1 210	Sr.	Tabb, VA
37	Sullivan, Frank	FS	6-0 190	So.	Zachary, LA
37	Swatzell, Scott	RB	5-11 213	Jr.	Thomasville, AL
28	Thornton, Nate	RB	5-8 180	So.	St. Petersburg, FL
40	Vann, Clay	OLB	6-0 214	Jr.	Jackson, TN
23	Vaughn, Gerald	SS	6-3 195	Sr.	Abbeville, MS
65	White, Abner	C	6-2 240	Jr.	Montgomery, AL
78	Williams, Sebastian	T	6-4 239	Jr.	Bolivar, TN
97	Wilson, Stacey	OLB	6-4 235	Fr.	Tupelo, MS

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QUICK FACTS

1990 Record: 9-3-0; 5-2-0 T2nd SEC

Head Coach: Billy Brewer (Ole Miss record: 48-41-3; Overall record: 105-80-6), Ole Miss '61

Offensive Coordinator: Red Parker, Arkansas-Monticello '53

Defensive Coordinator: Robert Henry, Ole Miss '77

1991 SIGNEES

NAME	POS.	HT.-WT.	HOMETOWN
*Brown, Chad	DL	6-7 258	Thomasville, GA
Brown, Renard	RB	6-0 215	Brookhaven, MS
Burks, Terrell	OL	6-3 270	Memphis, TN
Campbell, Keith	DB	5-11 170	Pensacola, FL
*Chisolm, Richard	P	6-0 190	Lexington, MS
*Collier, Tony	DB	5-10 180	Tupelo, MS
Gibson, Jonathan	OL	6-3 285	Eupora, MS
Herman, Alvin	OLB	6-3 197	Pahokee, FL
Innocent, Dou	RB	6-1 207	Pompano Bch., FL
Karliner, Randy	RB	6-2 195	Huntington Bch., CA
Kohn, Germaine	WR	5-11 166	Jacksonville, FL
Moncus, Darrell	TE	6-2 240	Trussville, AL
Padgett, Shane	OT	6-6 275	Hattiesburg, MS
*Philpot, Cory	RB	5-10 180	Melbourne, FL
*Ross, John	PK	6-1 170	Stilwell, KS
*Ross, Lynn	OLB	6-0 215	Florence, MS
Smith, Mark	QB	5-10 180	Wesson, MS
Stone, Keith	G	6-3 270	Vina, AL
Thomas, LeMay	WR	5-11 170	Delhi, LA
Turner, Chris	TE	6-3 220	Water Valley, MS
*Whiteside, Lance	CB	5-9 180	Harrisburg, PA
Wicker, Trey	LB	6-3 230	Liberty, MS
Wilson, Frank	TE	6-2 207	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Worley, Mike	WR	6-1 185	Morrow, GA

*denotes junior college transfer

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.-WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
24	Aldridge, Lance*	SS	6-1 197	Sr.	Decatur, TX
33	Anderson, Treddis	TE	6-2 239	Sr.	West Point, MS
69	Bell, Shea*	G	6-1 287	So.	West Point, MS
9	Bennett, Andre	CB	6-0 183	Fr.	Brandon, MS
82	Bosarge, Chris	WR	5-11 171	Jr.	Moss Point, MS
41	Boyd, Daniel*	ILB	6-0 233	Jr.	Southaven, MS
98	Brown, Jerome	DE	6-5 270	Jr.	Westbury, NY
73	Brown, Lee	T	6-3 319	So.	Louisville, MS
48	Brown, Torrance*	OLB	6-2 228	Jr.	Decatur, GA
3	Burke, Tom	KS	5-11 155	Jr.	Key Biscayne, FL
58	Carr, Keith	OLB	6-2 225	Jr.	Florence, MS
83	Carroll, Herman	DE	6-4 246	So.	Natchez, MS
88	Clanton, Curt	TE	6-4 239	Jr.	Manhattan, KS
34	Coleman, Keo	ILB	6-2 255	Sr.	Milwaukee, WI
86	Davidson, Charlie	WR	5-11 164	Fr.	Dothan, AL
37	Davis, Michael	RB	6-1 229	Fr.	Morton, MS
81	Edwards, Trenell*	TE	6-3 252	Sr.	Philadelphia, MS
12	Firle, Chris*	WR	6-1 189	Sr.	Collins, MS
60	Ford, Lee	C	6-0 280	Jr.	Starkville, MS
21	Galloway, Tay*	RB	5-8 197	Jr.	Wiggins, MS
18	Gardner, Chris	KS	6-1 184	Jr.	Brandon, MS
90	Gibson, Arley	NT	6-2 253	So.	West Point, MS
47	Gibson, James	CB	6-2 191	Fr.	Dothan, AL
30	Harris, Tony	CB	6-0 200	Sr.	Town Creek, AL
87	Harris, Willie	WR	6-1 194	Jr.	Moss Point, MS
57	Hawkins, Melvin	OLB	6-2 210	Jr.	Gadsden, AL
91	Henry, Kevin	DE	6-3 265	So.	Mound Bayou, MS
4	High, Terry	RB	5-10 178	Sr.	Pontotoc, MS
63	Howard, Michael	C	6-2 268	So.	Laurel, MS
72	James, Jesse	T	6-5 307	Fr.	Mobile, AL
76	James, John*	T	6-3 294	Jr.	Atlanta, GA
25	James, Tony	WR	5-9 184	Jr.	Clinton, MS
22	Jeffcoat, Jeff	FS	5-10 171	So.	Brandon, MS
77	Johnson, Eddie	T	6-3 269	So.	Alpharetta, GA
14	Jordan, Todd	QB	6-2 220	So.	Tupelo, MS
93	Joseph, Keith	OLB	6-1 233	Jr.	Pascagoula, MS
5	Knight, Kelvin	FS	6-1 199	So.	Natchez, MS
6	Lipscomb, Lee*	CB	5-11 180	Sr.	Navasota, TX
40	Long, Juan	OLB	6-2 232	So.	Tupelo, MS
49	Luster, Frankie	SS	6-1 195	So.	Ft. Myers, FL
89	Mann, Brandon	TE	6-6 247	Fr.	Rome, GA
56	Mansell, Scott	ILB	6-4 215	Fr.	Jasper, AL
59	McCoy, Kyle	C	6-6 291	So.	Louisville, MS
79	Montgomery, Michael	T	6-2 305	So.	Okolona, MS
92	Moore, Patrick	DE	6-3 265	Jr.	Winstonville, MS
43	Morrell, Tommy	FS	5-10 182	So.	Clewiston, FL
53	Norals, John	OLB	6-1 235	Fr.	Leland, MS
28	Pender, Runnie	CB	5-10 186	Fr.	Cottonwood, AL
10	Plump, Greg	QB	5-11 200	So.	Hattiesburg, MS
8	Polles, Jim	SS	6-2 195	Fr.	Hattiesburg, MS
50	Ray, Kelly	G	6-1 264	Jr.	Baton Rouge, LA
13	Riley, Mike*	P	6-1 217	Sr.	Dumas, AR
29	Roberts, Kenny	RB	5-8 171	Jr.	Hamilton, MS
15	Robinson, William	QB	6-0 195	Jr.	Jackson, MS
67	Sartin, Bill	G	6-2 299	So.	Tylertown, MS
16	Simpson, Jason	QB	6-0 192	Fr.	Ellisville, MS
74	Stallworth, Chris	NT	6-2 255	Jr.	Moss Point, MS
64	Stewart, Kenny*	T	6-4 293	Sr.	Meridian, MS
97	Stowers, Rodney	DE	6-2 285	Jr.	Forest, MS
84	Thames, Anthony	WR	6-0 185	Sr.	Louisville, MS
44	Washington, Chris	RB	5-9 185	Fr.	West Point, MS
20	Williams, Edward	CB	5-10 190	Jr.	Satartia, MS
38	Williams, Lee	RB	6-1 217	Fr.	Jackson, MS
95	Williams, Nate	NT	6-3 282	Sr.	Houston, TX
27	Williamson, Karl	RB	6-2 195	So.	Stanton, TN
66	Wisner, Jason	G	6-3 325	Fr.	Natchez, MS
45	Woodard, Marc*	OLB	6-1 240	Jr.	Kosciusko, MS

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CAREER LEADERS

Rushing (yds.): Walter Packer, 2,820 (1973-76)
Passing (yds.): Don Smith, 5,229 (1983-86)
Receiving (yds.): Mardye McDole, 2,214 (1977-80)
Interceptions: Henry Davidson, 11 (1974-77); Kenny Johnson, 11 (1976-79)

Information provided by Joe Dier, Sports Information Director.

QUICK FACTS

1990 Record: 5-6-0; 1-6-0 T8th SEC

Head Coach: Jackie Sherrill (Mississippi St. record: 0-0-0; Overall record: 105-45-2), Alabama '66

Offensive Coordinator: Watson Brown, Vanderbilt '73

Defensive Coordinator: Bill Clay, Arkansas '63

1991 SIGNEES

NAME	POS.	HT.-WT.	HOMETOWN
Anderson, Brian	OL	6-5 240	Prattville, AL
Ballard, Hugh	OL	6-5 255	Kosciusko, MS
Bowens, TIm	LB	6-4 240	Okolona, MS
Brown, Randy	RB	5-10 195	LaPlace, LA
Cagins, Derrick	LB	6-4 228	Columbia, MS
Caldwell, Matt	OL	6-6 270	Columbus, MS
Clark, Darrin	WR	6-1 190	Natchez, MS
Curtis, Johnny	LB	5-11 215	New Orleans, LA
*Ellis, Noel	DE	6-7 254	Montgomery, TX
Gainer, Adrian	NG	6-0 265	Gautier, MS
Gumina, Scott	SS	6-0 196	LaPlace, LA
Hayes, Melvin	OL	6-6 330	New Orleans, LA
Johnson, Christopher	LB	6-2 200	Columbia, MS
Jones, Chris	WR	6-2 185	Tupelo, MS
Lancaster, Brian	DE	6-2 245	Mobile, AL
Maxon, Eddie	DL	6-7 255	Shelby, MS
McIlwain, James	DE	6-6 240	Chatom, AL
McWilliams, Steve	DL	6-6 270	Meridian, MS
Myles, Jimmy	DL	6-3 260	Pascagoula, MS
Siefken, Josh	KS	6-0 180	Atlanta, GA
Taite, Derrick	QB	6-4 180	Moss Point, MS
*Ward, Fred	WR	5-11 175	West Point, MS
Watkins, Kendall	TE	6-2 220	Jackson, MS
Wright, Brian	OL	6-5 275	Ft. Walton Bch., FL

*denotes junior college transfer

NOTRE DAME

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.-WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
22	Augeri, John-Paul	CB	5-10 170	So.	Newburyport, MA
53	Beckwith, Jason	G	6-3 225	So.	Edwardsburg, MI
47	Bercich, Pete	ILB	6-3 225	So.	Mokena, IL
	Bergmann, Jonathon	ILB	6-0 210	So.	Walker, MN
6	Bettis, Jerome	FB	6-1 235	So.	Detroit, MI
23	Boyd, Walter	FB	6-0 195	Sr.	Hillsborough, NC
41	Brooks, Reggie	TB	5-10 194	Jr.	Tulsa, OK
40	Brooks, Tony	TB	6-2 223	Sr.	Tulsa, OK
86	Brown, Derek*	TE	6-7 243	Sr.	Merritt Island, FL
92	Bruenig, Willie	ILB	5-10 210	So.	Ft. Wayne, IN
95	Bryant, Junior	DT	6-5 262	Jr.	Omaha, NE
9	Burris, Jeff	CB	6-1 190	So.	Rock Hill, SC
13	Carter, Tom	SS	5-11 175	So.	St. Petersburg, FL
32	Clark, Willie	TB	5-11 175	So.	Wheatland, CA
29	Covington, John	SS	6-2 185	So.	Winter Haven, FL
5	Culver, Rodney*	TB	6-0 220	Sr.	Detroit, MI
26	Davis, Greg*	FS	6-1 205	Sr.	Hollywood, FL
87	Dawson, Lake	SE	6-1 185	So.	Federal Way, WA
96	deManigold, Marc	DT	6-5 265	Sr.	Grosse Pt. Woods, MI
31	DuBose, Demetrius*	ILB	6-2 223	Jr.	Seattle, WA
44	Flanigan, Jim	ILB	6-3 235	So.	Sturgeon Bay, WI
	Fuentes, David	TB	5-10 198	So.	Weslaco, TX
56	Gibson, Oliver	OLB	6-4 235	So.	Romeoville, IL
14	Griggs, Ray	FL	6-3 194	Jr.	University Park, IL
73	Hall, Justin*	T	6-5 295	Sr.	Dallas, TX
78	Halter, Jordan	T	6-7 289	Jr.	Troy, MI
90	Hamilton, Brian	DT	6-5 235	So.	Chicago, IL
11	Hawkins, B.J.	QB	6-2 185	So.	Potomac, VA
28	Hentrich, Craig*	K-P	6-1 197	Jr.	Godfrey, IL
85	Hughes, Robert	TE	6-5 220	So.	Syracuse, NY
10	Jarrell, Adrian	FL	6-2 197	Jr.	Athens, GA
8	Johnson, Clint	FL	5-10 175	So.	Altamonte Spgs., FL
59	Johnson, Lance	C	6-3 263	Jr.	Charlotte, NC
81	Jones, Eric	DT	6-6 233	Jr.	Portage, IN
74	Jurkovic, Mirko*	G	6-5 281	Sr.	Calumet City, IL
65	Knapp, Lindsay	T	6-6 261	Sr.	Deerfield, IL
62	Lacheta, Chet	G	6-3 248	Jr.	Chicago Heights, IL
33	Lane, Greg	CB	5-11 180	So.	Austin, TX
21	Leonard, Robert	K	5-10 185	So.	Decatur, GA
4	Levens, Dorsey	TB	6-2 219	Jr.	Syracuse, NY
22	Lytle, Dean	OLB	6-3 217	So.	Brevard, NC
26	Marsh, Drew	K	6-0 175	So.	San Angelo, TX
80	McBride, Oscar	TE	6-6 240	So.	Chiefland, FL
45	McDonald, Devon	OLB	6-3 237	Sr.	Paterson, NJ
15	McDougal, Kevin	QB	6-3 176	So.	Pompano Bch., FL
89	McGill, Karmeeleyah	TE	6-3 228	Jr.	Clearwater, FL
70	McGlinn, Mike	T	6-7 250	So.	Kansas City, MO
76	McGuire, Gene*	C	6-5 270	Sr.	Panama City, FL
	Meter, Brian	CB	5-10 175	So.	Saginaw, MI
35	Mihalko, Ryan	FB	6-2 225	Sr.	Pelham, NH
3	Mirer, Rick*	QB	6-3 212	Jr.	Goshen, IN
66	Norman, Todd	T	6-5 273	Jr.	Huntington Bch., CA
16	Parenti, Chris	QB	5-11 185	So.	Hinsdale, IL
49	Peterson, Anthony	OLB	6-2 218	So.	Monongahela, PA
82	Pollard, William	SE	6-5 214	Jr.	Fort Knox, KY
27	Poorman, George	FS	6-2 193	Sr.	Palatine, IL
14	Pope, Stephen	FS	6-3 199	So.	Chehalis, WA
	Proffit, J.D.	DT	6-1 255	So.	Atlanta, GA
46	Ratigan, Brian	OLB	6-4 226	Jr.	Council Bluffs, IA
64	Rausch, Peter	DT	6-6 264	Sr.	Ft. Myers, FL
39	Robinson, Marvin	CB	5-9 180	So.	Tampa, FL
61	Ruddy, Tim	C	6-4 270	So.	Dunmore, PA
2	Saddler, LeShane	CB	5-10 175	So.	Waterloo, IA
53	Sandri, Winston	T	6-4 278	Sr.	Raleigh, NC
38	Scianna, Randy	ILB	6-2 222	Jr.	Flossmoor, IL
24	Setzer, Rusty	FL	5-9 181	Sr.	Gary, IN
84	Smith, Irv	TE	6-5 233	Jr.	Browns Mills, NJ
30	Smith, Nick	OLB	6-3 215	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
21	Smith, Rod*	CB	6-1 180	Sr.	St. Paul, MN
83	Smith, Tony*	SE	6-2 181	Sr.	Gary, IN
77	Stoker, Todd	G	6-4 252	Jr.	Fairview, NJ
75	Taylor, Aaron	T	6-4 270	So.	Concord, CA
51	Tyner, Stuart	T	6-5 254	Jr.	Tomball, TX
69	Williams, George*	DT	6-3 298	Sr.	Willingboro, NJ
97	Young, Bryant	DT	6-4 235	So.	Chicago Heights, IL

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (7); Defense (4); Kickers (2).

Information provided by John Heisler, Sports Information Director.

QUICK FACTS

1990 Record: 9-3-0

Head Coach: Lou Holtz (Notre Dame record: 46-14-0; Overall record: 162-79-5), Kent State '59

Offensive Coordinator: Lou Holtz

Defensive Coordinator: Gary Darnell, Oklahoma St. '70

1991 SIGNEES

NAME	POS.	HT.-WT.	HOMETOWN
Bakich, Huntley	ILB	6-3 210	Carrollton, TX
Becton, Lee	RB	5-11 185	Ernul, NC
Davis, Travis	RB-DB	6-0 180	Carson, CA
Failla, Paul	QB	6-3 185	Sewickley, PA
Fleurima, Reggie	DL	6-4 250	Evanston, IL
Gibson, Herbert	OL	6-1 263	Detroit, MI
Goheen, Justin	LB	6-3 220	Wexford, PA
Graham, Tracy	DB	5-11 183	Chicago, IL
Holden, Germaine	OLB	6-4 240	Anderson, SC
Kordas, Jim	OL	6-5 240	Chicago, IL
Kuechenberg, Erik	ILB	6-2 215	Hobart, IN
Leahy, Ryan	OL	6-5 250	Yakima, WA
Miller, Mike	WR	5-7 155	Missouri City, TX
Moore, LaRon	RB-DB	5-9 180	Indianapolis, IN
Nau, Jeremy	LB	6-4 225	Hammond, IN
Riney, Jeff	OL	6-5 235	Sterling, IL
Sample, Jeremy	LB	6-1 205	Woodridge, IL
Stafford, Charles	DB	6-1 187	Bartlett, IL
Stec, Greg	DT	6-3 235	La Grange, IL
Taliaferro, John	OLB	6-4 225	Hyattsville, MD
Wooden, Shawn	RB	6-0 175	Willow Grove, PA
Young, Tyler	DL	6-4 250	Bethlehem, PA
Zataveski, Mark	OL	6-7 280	Roslyn, PA
Zellars, Ray	RB-DB	6-0 203	Pittsburgh, PA

SOUTH CAROLINA

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.-WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
21	Adams, Frank	RB	5-8 164	So.	Gastonia, NC
94	Amos, Keith	DT	6-4 300	So.	West Point, MS
39	Anderson, Erik	CB	5-10 176	Jr.	Alexandria, VA
36	Asmer, Michael	RB	6-0 193	So.	Columbia, SC
30	Baker, Marty	FS	5-10 195	Sr.	Adairsville, GA
9	Beake, Chip	QB	5-9 170	Jr.	Ft. Collins, CO
98	Bembery, Cedric	DT	6-0 285	Jr.	Miami, FL
85	Bennett, Bralyn	WR	5-8 163	Sr.	Taylors, SC
70	Bonner, Courtney	G	6-3 260	So.	Hartselle, AL
62	Branch, Dany	G	6-3 285	Sr.	Fayetteville, NC
49	Brooks, Robert*	WR	6-0 175	Sr.	Greenwood, SC
97	Brown, Bobby	DT	6-2 255	Sr.	Titusville, FL
48	Brown, Eric	OLB	6-0 220	So.	Baltimore, MD
50	Bunch, Randy	OL	6-2 220	So.	Easley, SC
86	Campbell, Mathew	TE	6-5 245	So.	N. Augusta, SC
66	Carter, Darryl	DL	6-3 233	Fr.	Loganville, GA
12	Cates, Toby	DB	6-0 183	Fr.	Inman, SC
67	Cooley, Scott	T	6-5 305	Jr.	Thomasville, GA
31	DeBoer, Rob	RB	5-10 200	So.	Omaha, NE
73	Dinkins, Vincent	OL	6-2 284	Fr.	Columbia, SC
40	Dixon, Ernest	OLB	6-2 240	So.	Ft. Mill, SC
99	Dixon, Gerald*	DE	6-3 252	Sr.	Rock Hill, SC
61	Driggers, Chuck	OL	6-4 285	Fr.	Bennettsville, SC
17	Dudley, Chip	OLB	6-2 195	Jr.	Aiken, SC
89	Duke, Troy	DE	6-4 234	So.	Norfolk, VA
64	Dye, Marty*	DT	6-4 277	Sr.	Greenwood, SC
55	Emmons, Keith	LB	6-1 211	Jr.	Edison, NJ
72	Farrell, Kenny	G	6-3 270	Jr.	Goose Creek, SC
14	Favors, Kenny	DB	5-11 175	Jr.	Sacramento, CA
16	Frederick, Kurt	QB	6-3 217	Fr.	Tucker, GA
20	Fuller, Bobby*	QB	6-2 207	Sr.	Miami, FL
81	Geiger, Warren	PK	6-1 171	Jr.	Aiken, SC
63	Godwin, Curtis	G	6-4 262	Sr.	Trinity, NC
45	Harris, Leon*	FS	6-1 215	Sr.	Miami, FL
57	Hawkins, Brian	DL	6-3 264	Jr.	Ft. Walton Bch., FL
34	Haynes, Albert	RB	5-9 197	Sr.	Hartford, CT
83	Henry, Mario	WR	6-1 180	So.	Mt. Laurel, NJ
5	Hogan, Ben	OLB	6-1 198	Jr.	Valdosta, GA
26	Inman, Jerry	DB	6-0 175	So.	Richmond, VA
77	Jackson, Antwan	OL	6-5 305	Fr.	Savannah, GA
42	Jeter, Leroy	RB-TE	6-2 220	Jr.	Union, SC
28	Jones, Cleon Jr.	RB	5-10 196	Fr.	Mobile, AL
95	Jones, Shannon	DE	6-3 235	Jr.	Richmond, VA
51	Killen, Jay*	C	6-4 270	Sr.	York, SC
84	Landry, Mike	LB	6-2 230	So.	Sykesville, MD
71	Mayse, Jabar	DL	6-2 262	Fr.	Forest City, NC
15	McDowell, Eric	QB	6-2 196	Fr.	Warner Robins, GA
3	Miller, Eddie*	WR	6-0 185	Sr.	Decatur, GA
11	Mitchell, Wright	QB	6-0 200	Jr.	Atlanta, GA
74	Moss, Jack	T	6-6 280	Jr.	Lenoir, NC
1	Parker, Daren*	P	6-0 185	Sr.	Concord, NC
22	Pender, Bru	DB	5-11 181	So.	Barnwell, SC
96	Pettiford, Jahmal	LB	6-1 225	So.	High Point, NC
4	Pitchko, David	WR	5-10 175	Sr.	Medford, NJ
44	Reaves, Joe*	LB	6-3 235	Sr.	Whiteville, NC
47	Reid, Konata	DB	6-3 185	Fr.	Myrtle Bch., SC
76	Rivens, Antoine*	G	6-1 265	Jr.	Charlotte, NC
41	Robinson, Stacy	CB	5-8 188	Jr.	Sumter, SC
78	Rosenkrans, Kevin	T	6-6 282	Jr.	Hannibal, MO
58	Rumph, Chris	LB	6-3 196	Fr.	St. Matthews, SC
19	Simpson, Marty	PK	6-3 182	Fr.	Columbia, SC
88	Steward, Charles*	TE	6-2 245	Sr.	Valdosta, GA
29	Surratt, Cedric*	CB	5-11 200	Jr.	Shelby, NC
69	Sweet, Rich	OL	6-6 280	Sr.	Chapin, SC
75	Thomsen, Bryan	G	6-5 282	Jr.	Belton, MO
87	Tolbert, Mike*	OLB	6-3 202	Sr.	Valdosta, GA
91	Turnipseed, David	DT	6-4 250	Fr.	Spartanburg, SC
79	Wade, Kevin	OL	6-5 335	Fr.	Farmville, NC
43	Walker, Antonio	CB	5-9 188	Sr.	Charlotte, NC
24	Watkins, Tony	DB	5-11 191	Fr.	Rock Hill, SC
82	Whitman, Mike	TE	6-4 225	So.	Lebanon, PA
23	Wilburn, Terry	RB	5-10 212	Fr.	Roebuck, SC
18	Williams, Chuck	P	5-11 173	Jr.	Evans, GA
27	Willis, Danny	WR	5-11 160	So.	Gonzales, LA
7	Wunder, John	QB	6-1 186	Jr.	Hopatcong, NJ

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (6); Defense (6); Kickers (1).

Information provided by Kerry Tharp, Sports Information Director.

QUICK FACTS

1990 Record: 6-5-0

Head Coach: Sparky Woods (South Carolina record: 12-9-1; Overall record: 50-28-3), Carson-Newman '76

Offensive Coordinator: Art Wilkins, Bucknell '72

Defensive Coordinators: Miles Aldridge, Gardner-Webb '71; Tommy West, Tennessee '75

1991 SIGNEES

NAME	POS.	HT.-WT.	HOMETOWN
Alford, Chris	B-R	6-1 185	McBee, SC
Bennett, Brandon	B-R	6-1 197	Taylors, SC
Brooks, Aubrey	B-R	6-1 205	Sumter, SC
Cummings, James	B-R	6-2 235	Decatur, GA
Dexter, James	L	6-6 230	Springfield, VA
Dixon, Luther	L	6-5 270	Palmetto, GA
*Dye, Ernest	L	6-6 330	Greenwood, SC
*Favors, Kenny	B-R	5-11 175	Sacramento, CA
Flowers, James	B-R	6-2 220	Macon, GA
Foster, Larry	B-R	6-4 240	Jonesboro, GA
*Franklin, Keith	B-R	6-3 230	Los Angeles, CA
Greene, Norman	B-R	6-2 190	Sumter, SC
Gunn, Anton	L	6-5 240	Virginia Beach, VA
Guy, Anthony	B-R	6-3 195	Macon, GA
Harris, Terrell	B-R	6-0 170	Miami, FL
*Henry, Gay	B-R	6-2 225	Winter Haven, FL
Howell, Roderick	B-R	6-4 220	Carol City, FL
Jeffcoat, Derwin	KS	6-2 210	Pamplico, SC
Muse, Mike	L	6-6 255	Hermitage, PA
Penny, Asim	B-R	6-5 185	Clinton, MD
Reddick, Mike	B-R	5-10 170	Miami, FL
Robinson, Ric	B-R	5-11 175	Stone Mtn., GA
Rosenberger, Bob	B-R	6-4 210	Warminster, PA
Washington, Mike	L	6-2 290	Milledgeville, GA
Williamson, Blake	B-R	6-2 190	Anderson, SC

*denotes junior college transfer

SO. MISSISSIPPI

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.-WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
61	Anderson, Alan	LB	6-2 220	Sr.	Slidell, LA
76	Anderson, Leon	G	6-5 262	Jr.	Grapeland, TX
99	Antoniou, Pete*	DT	6-2 265	Sr.	Titusville, FL
87	Baham, Ron	WR	6-3 205	Sr.	Covington, LA
21	Blake, Gerald*	DE	6-2 202	Sr.	Duluth, GA
83	Bowling, Don	TE	6-3 225	Jr.	Town Creek, AL
75	Braley, Lehman*	G	6-5 258	Sr.	Jefferson, TX
65	Brannon, Donell*	DT	6-4 280	Sr.	Florence, AL
66	Brown, John	DT	6-3 268	Jr.	Clarksdale, MS
15	Bryant, Scott*	P	6-2 210	Sr.	Queen City, TX
6	Cannon, Carl	WR	6-4 210	Sr.	Mobile, AL
64	Carter, Demetrius	DT	6-4 255	So.	Waycross, GA
19	Carter, Perry	DB	6-0 185	So.	McComb, MS
39	Casey, Quentis	RB	6-1 194	So.	Florence, AL
60	Colbert, Clevon	LB	6-2 231	So.	Columbus, GA
62	Collins, Kendrick	DT	6-1 260	Sr.	Decatur, AL
34	Collins, Vernard	DB	5-10 170	So.	Sumrall, MS
96	Elder, Reggie	DT	6-4 250	Jr.	Carrollton, GA
9	Estes, Eric	QB	6-1 190	Fr.	Northport, AL
95	Hamilton, Bobby	DT	6-4 235	So.	Columbia, MS
	Hannie, John	WR	6-0 165	Fr.	Baton Rouge, LA
72	Henderson, Pat	T	6-5 270	Sr.	Canton, MS
42	Hollins, Raymond	S	6-0 188	Sr.	Mobile, AL
29	Hoskins, Derrick	FS	6-3 205	Sr.	Philadelphia, MS
97	Johnson, Aubrey	DE	6-3 235	So.	Newnan, GA
35	Johnson, Roland*	FB	5-10 219	Sr.	Hattiesburg, MS
55	LaCoste, Chris	C	6-3 254	Sr.	Bay St. Louis, MS
53	Ladner, Stewart	C	6-1 245	Jr.	Hattiesburg, MS
92	Loescher, Keith	LB	6-0 220	Jr.	Lynn Haven, FL
59	Lynch, Rod*	LB	5-9 227	Jr.	Meridian, MS
56	Marsh, Chafan*	G	6-0 275	Sr.	Bagdad, FL
67	McDay, Willie	DT	6-3 265	So.	Newnan, GA
41	McDowell, Thad	LB	6-0 228	Sr.	Huntsville, AL
	McGee, Howard	FB	6-2 215	Fr.	Hattiesburg, MS
74	McReynolds, George	G	6-2 260	Jr.	Miami, FL
40	Miller, Tim	NG	6-1 235	Sr.	Quitman, MS
87	Montgomery, Mark*	WR	6-1 180	So.	Picayune, MS
69	Moorer, Carey	DT	6-4 255	So.	Vestavia Hills, AL
20	Nations, Lance	K	5-8 165	Jr.	Tampa, FL
68	Nelson, Ben	G	6-3 262	So.	Pace, FL
31	Nelson, Dwayne	FB	6-0 185	Jr.	Hattiesburg, MS
24	Nichols, John	CB	5-9 170	Sr.	Meridian, MS
45	Nix, Tyrone	LB	6-2 220	So.	Attalla, AL
52	Novak, Jeff	C	6-4 240	So.	Fayette, AL
88	Owens, Anthony	TE	6-3 240	So.	Auburn, AL
14	Peck, Gabe*	S	6-2 191	Sr.	Mobile, AL
85	Pope, Marcus	TE	6-3 245	Jr.	Hattiesburg, MS
82	Reed, Greg	WR	6-2 185	Jr.	Gulfport, MS
27	Reed, Rod	DE	6-1 228	Sr.	Eight Mile, AL
79	Roberts, Chris	G	6-5 265	So.	Meridian, MS
98	Roberts, Tim	DT	6-6 275	Sr.	Atlanta, GA
37	Roberts, Wil	WR	6-0 180	Sr.	Pine Bluff, AR
71	Russell, Reggie	T	6-4 266	Sr.	Rolling Fork, MS
78	Ryals, Chris*	T	6-8 280	Sr.	Purvis, MS
77	Shaw, Robert	T	6-6 292	Jr.	Columbus, GA
90	Singleton, James*	DE	6-3 215	Jr.	Wilmer, AL
51	Smith, Darian	T	6-3 250	So.	Natchez, MS
18	Smith, Tony*	TB	6-3 210	Sr.	Vicksburg, MS
22	Taylor, Jim*	K	6-0 220	Sr.	Laurel, MS
94	Tobias, Michael	NG	6-3 255	Fr.	Jefferson, LA
8	Waters, Tommy	QB	6-1 210	Fr.	Meridian, MS
36	Welch, Michael	TB	5-10 200	Jr.	Douglasville, GA
10	Whitcomb, John	QB	6-2 190	So.	Chipley, FL
25	Williams, Arnie*	LB	6-2 220	Sr.	Bay Minette, AL
84	Williams, Eric*	TE	6-3 245	Sr.	Atlanta, GA
30	Wood, Brian	S	5-9 175	Sr.	Tallahassee, FL
23	Wynn, Pat	DB	5-10 180	Sr.	Huntsville, AL

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QUICK FACTS

1990 Record: 8-4-0
Head Coach: Jeff Bower (Southern Miss. record: 0-1-0; Overall record: 0-1-0), Southern Miss. '73
Offensive Coordinator: Mark McHale, Shepard '73
Defensive Coordinator: Jim Dickey, Houston '56

1991 SIGNEES

NAME	POS.	HT.-WT.	HOMETOWN
Arnold, Preston	TE	6-4 245	Baton Rouge, LA
Baylor, Joel	DT	6-2 248	Meridian, MS
*Beeching, Todd	L	6-6 270	Stockbridge, GA
Buckhalter, Chris	RB	6-0 180	Collins, MS
Harmon, Eugene	LB	6-0 197	Kosciusko, MS
Harris, Jerry	LB	6-3 210	Baxley, GA
Hervey, Derrick	DB	5-9 175	Water Valley, MS
Kennedy, Adam	WR	6-2 190	Panama City, FL
Logan, James	LB	6-3 205	Opp, AL
McKinney, Myreon	DB	5-11 175	Tuscaloosa, AL
McRae, Albert	FB	6-1 215	Mableton, GA
Niblett, Josh	QB	6-2 185	Demopolis, AL
Nunn, Terry	DE	6-0 205	Mobile, AL
Overby, Darren	LB	6-2 248	Mendenhall, MS
Rankins, LaBarion	DB	5-11 174	Mobile, AL
Reddix, Chris	WR	6-0 190	Biloxi, MS
Robinson, James	DT	6-2 235	Mobile, AL
Trammell, Jeff	LB	6-2 210	Gardendale, AL
Turnage, Willie	LB	6-2 205	Gulfport, MS

*denotes junior college transfer

CAREER LEADERS

Rushing (yds.): Ben Garry, 3,595 (1974-77)
Passing (yds.): Brett Favre, 7,695 (1987-90)
Passing (TDs): Brett Favre, 52 (1987-90)
Receiving (yds.): Cliff Coggin, 1,542 (1948-49)
Receiving (no.): Billy Mikel, 94 (1968-70)
Interceptions: Bubba Phillips, 25 (1947-50)
Punting (avg.): Ray Guy, 44.7 (1970-72)

Information provided by Regiel Napier, Sports Information Director.

SW LOUISIANA

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.-WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
72	Age, Louis	T	6-7 330	Sr.	New Orleans, LA
73	Andrus, Chad	G	6-2 264	So.	Lafayette, LA
84	Arvie, Robert	OLB	6-3 239	Sr.	Opelousas, LA
92	Atkins, James*	DT	6-6 275	Jr.	Amite, LA
13	Baggett, Randy	P	5-11 176	Jr.	Crowley, LA
64	Begnaud, Rodney	DT	6-1 258	So.	Lafayette, LA
16	Brown, Jeffery	S	5-10 181	So.	Edgard, LA
7	Butler, Wayde*	WR	5-11 181	Jr.	Beaumont, TX
80	Byrd, Michael	WR	6-2 178	So.	New Orleans, LA
79	Champagne, Kirk	T	6-7 292	Jr.	Franklin, LA
78	Clayton, John	G	6-0 294	Sr.	Port Arthur, TX
26	Collins, Donald*	CB	5-9 180	Sr.	Gray, LA
69	Cruse, Matt	G	6-3 259	So.	Lafayette, LA
6	Cunningham, Richie*	K	5-9 151	Jr.	Houma, LA
33	Denaburg, Damon*	FB	5-10 197	Jr.	Gretna, LA
8	Duhon, Rodney	S	6-0 187	Jr.	Lake Charles, LA
82	Dupont, Todd	WR	5-9 167	Fr.	Houston, TX
32	Eager, Sam	FB	5-10 214	Jr.	Mobile, AL
23	Elmore, Jeff	WR	5-9 168	Jr.	Lafayette, LA
67	Estay, Scott	T	6-6 290	So.	Patterson, LA
68	Ferguson, LeGrande	G	6-3 286	Sr.	Slidell, LA
18	Fontenot, Mike	P	6-1 175	Jr.	Lafayette, LA
17	Forman, Charlie*	WR	6-0 181	Sr.	Baton Rouge, LA
90	Francois, Jonas	OLB	6-2 224	Jr.	St. Martinville, LA
44	Francois, Reginald	FB	6-0 205	Jr.	Amite, LA
56	Frank, Marshall	OLB	6-2 227	Sr.	Ville Platte, LA
3	Freeman, James*	QB	6-2 214	Jr.	Ville Platte, LA
24	Gasaway, Keddric	OLB	6-0 203	So.	Sulphur, LA
81	Golden, Hunter	TE	6-1 237	So.	Lafayette, LA
43	Guidry, Rocky	S	6-0 186	So.	Breaux Bridge, LA
45	Guidry, Todd	LB	6-0 204	So.	Marrero, LA
57	Gunner, Ronald	T	6-3 313	Fr.	Franklin, LA
77	Harris, Joe	T	6-3 282	Sr.	Houma, LA
40	Harris, John	CB	5-10 170	Fr.	Ferriday, LA
12	Hayes, Tyjuan	QB	5-9 180	So.	Jonesboro, LA
25	Howard, John	TB	5-10 195	Sr.	Baton Rouge, LA
29	Hypolite, Peter*	S	5-9 197	Sr.	Breaux Bridge, LA
54	Jenkins, George	LB	5-10 205	So.	Atlanta, GA
76	Johnson, Adam*	G	6-4 291	Sr.	Baton Rouge, LA
83	Jones, Tyrone	WR	6-4 200	Jr.	St. Martinville, LA
74	Keenum, Jeff	T	6-3 268	Sr.	Lake Charles, LA
50	Kramer, Kasey	LB	6-0 211	Fr.	New Iberia, LA
86	Laxey, Greg	WR	5-10 175	So.	Carencro, LA
49	LeBlanc, Marc	OLB	6-2 205	So.	Titusville, FL
70	Lewis, Conrad	NG	6-0 268	So.	Edgard, LA
27	Lloyd, Rodney	TB	5-10 198	Sr.	Lake Charles, LA
99	Matthews, Terrance	NG	5-11 262	Sr.	Houma, LA
96	McDonald, Chris	OLB	6-3 222	So.	Katy, TX
20	Mocek, Steve	TB	5-9 190	Fr.	Lafayette, LA
88	Moncla, Buck	TE	6-2 241	So.	Lafayette, LA
95	Moody, Ray	DT	5-11 265	Sr.	Harvey, LA
39	Nash, Harold	CB	5-8 179	Jr.	New Orleans, LA
48	Phillips, Keifer	LB	5-11 241	So.	Baton Rouge, LA
22	Reece, Andre	TB	5-9 204	Jr.	Galveston, TX
10	Roberts, Craig	CB	5-9 183	So.	Breaux Bridge, LA
91	Robinson, John	DT	6-4 256	So.	Port Arthur, TX
85	Robinson, Myron	WR	5-8 171	So.	Katy, TX
38	Ross, Terrance	LB	6-0 229	Jr.	Houma, LA
59	Sellers, James	C	6-2 250	So.	Abbeville, LA
87	Shults, Carter	TE	6-5 220	Jr.	Hammond, LA
36	Sims, William*	LB	6-3 252	Jr.	Quitman, GA
21	Tauriac, Troy	WR	5-8 164	Jr.	New Iberia, LA
47	Thomas, Eric	OLB	6-0 224	Jr.	Houston, TX
5	Thomas, Fernando	S	6-0 174	Fr.	Shreveport, LA
42	Thomas, Orlanda	S	6-2 176	Fr.	Crowley, LA
34	Thomas, Todd	TB	5-10 203	Fr.	Houma, LA
71	Tripp, Roderick*	G	6-1 266	Sr.	Greensboro, GA
55	Waguespack, Robby	C	6-1 234	So.	Thibodaux, LA
46	Ward, Elton	LB	6-0 210	Fr.	Hahnville, LA
97	Washington, Terry	DT	6-3 252	Jr.	New Orleans, LA
89	Williams, Donnell	WR	5-9 167	Fr.	Tampa, FL
2	Williams, Tori	QB	6-0 193	Fr.	Shreveport, LA
62	Wingerter, Troy*	G	6-3 265	Sr.	Metairie, LA
4	Wolfe, John	CB	6-0 182	Jr.	New Orleans, LA
66	Yarbro, Brett	C	6-4 233	Fr.	Beaumont, TX

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QUICK FACTS

1990 Record: 5-6-0
Head Coach: Nelson Stokley (Southwestern Louisiana record: 30-25-0; Overall record: 30-25-0), LSU '68
Offensive Coordinator: Barry Wilson, LSU '69
Defensive Coordinator: Ron West, Clemson '79

1991 SIGNEES

NAME	POS.	HT.-WT.	HOMETOWN
Alexander, Patrice	LB	6-2 245	Galveston, TX
Baker, Donnel	WR	5-10 170	Baton Rouge, LA
Baker, Greg	OLB	6-3 200	Destrehan, LA
Benefield, Isaac	RB	5-11 188	Galveston, TX
Brabham, Casey	DB	6-4 185	Humble, TX
*Champagne, Kirk	T	6-7 292	Franklin, LA
Gilmore, Lerodric	DB	5-11 180	Zachary, LA
Gisclair, Corey	OL	6-4 250	Galliano, LA
Harden, Linc	OLB	6-4 205	Galveston, TX
Hayes, Reggie	QB	5-9 180	Baton Rouge, LA
Haynes, Lamus	DB-WR	6-1 175	Destrehan, LA
Heinen, Sam	OL	6-4 240	Eunice, LA
Joseph, Chad	QB	6-1 177	New Roads, LA
Matthews, Mike	LB	6-1 215	Baton Rouge, LA
Mitchell, Jeff	LB	6-1 210	Loreauville, LA
Novak, Dwayne	OL	6-4 230	El Campo, TX
Reeves, Chad	TE	6-3 215	Lake Charles, LA
Robinson, Othell	QB	5-11 180	El Campo, TX
Sansalone, Brian	OL	6-5 260	Slidell, LA
Sensley, Tim	WR-DB	5-9 165	Clinton, LA
Shafer, Mike	K	5-9 165	Mathews, LA
*Taylor, Lance	LB	6-1 230	Wiggins, MS
Thibodeaux, Sherard	DL	6-4 255	St. Martinville, LA
Thomas, Leon	DL	6-5 260	Clute, TX
Thomas, Ron	WR	5-10 170	Eunice, LA
Weathers, Ray	RB	5-10 195	Baton Rouge, LA
Wolfe, Robert	RB	5-11 180	Houma, LA
Woods, Terrance	RB	5-11 188	Gray, LA
*Wright, Jamereal	DL	6-3 275	Corsicana, TX

*denotes junior college transfer

Information provided by Dan McDonald, Sports Information Director.

TENNESSEE

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
83	Adams, Mark*	TE	6-3	245	Sr.	Virginia Bch., VA
70	Alston, Chris	G	6-2	295	Fr.	Hopkins, SC
53	Bailey, Carey*	DT	6-0	260	Sr.	Morgantown, WV
39	Banks, Randy	DB	6-1	209	Sr.	Knoxville, TN
67	Bell, David	T	6-4	249	Fr.	Columbus, GA
26	Bennett, David	DB	6-0	198	Jr.	Germantown, TN
40	Bradley, Shazzon	DT	6-1	255	Sr.	Athens, TN
44	Brunson, Mario	RB	6-1	250	So.	Portsmouth, VA
29	Campbell, Kenneth	RB	6-2	228	So.	Chattanooga, TN
18	Carter, Dale*	DB	6-2	182	Sr.	Oxford, GA
20	Chapman, Joey*	P	6-1	179	So.	Franklin, TN
14	Colquitt, Jerry	QB	6-4	204	Fr.	Oak Ridge, TN
75	Dafney, Bernard	T	6-7	309	Sr.	Los Angeles, CA
1	Davis, Ronald	WR	5-10	197	Fr.	Bartlett, TN
86	Dutton, Cliff	WR	6-1	177	Fr.	Sykesville, MD
4	Faulkner, Craig	WR	5-11	175	So.	Richmond, KY
60	Fenwick, Jim	G	6-4	272	So.	Fredericksburg, VA
23	Fields, Earnest*	LB	5-10	239	Sr.	Milan, TN
34	Fisher, Armandos	LB	6-4	223	Fr.	E. St. Louis, IL
51	Fisher, John*	C	6-4	272	Sr.	Milan, TN
12	Fleming, Cory	WR	6-3	200	So.	Nashville, TN
36	Fletcher, Mark*	DB	5-11	206	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
91	Fuhler, Tom	DT	6-5	285	Sr.	Crystal Lake, IL
77	Gerardi, Greg	T	6-7	265	Sr.	Irvine, CA
27	Gilliam, Jim	KC	5-7	166	Sr.	Gallatin, TN
63	Gordon, Rodney	G	5-11	270	Jr.	Toledo, OH
87	Hardy, Darryl*	LB	6-3	220	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
28	Henson, Tavio	RB	5-10	197	Jr.	Severn, MD
41	Ingram, Reggie	LB	6-2	247	So.	Memphis, TN
31	Jeter, Keith	RB	6-0	208	So.	Weirton, WV
7	Julian, Jason	WR	5-9	179	Sr.	Knoxville, TN
8	Kelly, Andy*	QB	6-3	211	Sr.	Dayton, TN
58	Kelly, Todd	DE	6-4	254	Jr.	Hampton, VA
11	Kerr, Lloyd	WR	6-3	235	So.	Bolingbrook, IL
65	Lenoir, Patrick	T	6-5	285	Sr.	Germantown, TN
5	Lewis, Roderick	DB	6-3	197	So.	Mobile, AL
25	Lincoln, Jeremy*	DB	5-11	180	Sr.	Toledo, OH
52	Martin, Craig	C	6-2	226	Sr.	Newport, TN
2	Matthews, Steve	QB	6-4	207	So.	Tullahoma, TN
96	Mays, Kevin	DT	6-4	267	Fr.	Kingston, TN
9	McCants, Orion	DB	6-1	214	So.	Zephyrhills, FL
6	McCleskey, J.J.	DB	5-8	167	Jr.	Knoxville, TN
22	Miley, Floyd*	DB	5-10	206	Sr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
93	Mims, Chris	DE	6-6	261	Sr.	Los Angeles, CA
85	Morris, Horace	DE	6-2	230	So.	Miami, FL
50	Myslinski, Tom*	G	6-2	285	Sr.	Rome, NY
64	Needham, Mark	DT	6-3	257	Sr.	Manchester, MA
55	Patterson, Ryan	DT	6-3	262	So.	Jenks, OK
19	Phillips, Mose	RB	6-0	213	Fr.	Nashville, TN
15	Pickens, Carl*	WR	6-2	200	Jr.	Murphy, NC
30	Powe, Roc	RB	6-1	220	Fr.	Mobile, AL
89	Reeves, Von	TE	6-2	248	Sr.	Knoxville, TN
94	Richards, Willie	LB	6-3	247	Jr.	Griffin, GA
54	Riddick, Rodney	G	6-4	275	So.	Hampton, VA
46	Riffer, Eric	LB	6-3	232	Sr.	Okla. City, OK
99	Rodgers, Kacy*	DE	6-3	253	Sr.	Humboldt, TN
79	Schoenle, Bill	G	6-4	284	Sr.	Williamsville, NY
56	Smith, Chuck*	DE	6-4	236	Sr.	Athens, GA
3	Smith, Tracy	RB	5-9	190	Jr.	Jonesboro, GA
57	Spivey, Brian	C	6-2	280	Jr.	Jefferson City, TN
88	Spivey, Jeremy	LB	6-3	227	Fr.	Nashville, TN
98	Stone, Cory	DE	6-4	250	Fr.	Memphis, TN
59	Stowell, Mike	G	6-2	290	Jr.	Meridian, ID
48	Surlas, J.J.	DT	6-3	260	Jr.	Mt. Pleasant, PA
84	Teel, Jerry	TE	6-4	252	Sr.	Lenora, KS
13	Thomas, Dave	DB	6-4	209	Sr.	Miami, FL
97	Todd, Robert	TE	6-5	258	Jr.	Germantown, TN
38	Tullis, Jeff	DT	6-1	260	Jr.	Cape Girardeau, MO
45	Walker, Shon*	LB	6-0	224	Sr.	College Park, GA
78	Warren, James	T	6-7	276	So.	Memphis, TN
17	Wendelboe, Kevin	KS	5-11	169	Sr.	Clemmons, NC
72	Wilson, James	DE	6-3	254	So.	Hampton, VA

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (5); Defense (10); Kickers (1).

QUICK FACTS

1990 Record: 9-2-2; 5-1-1 1st SEC
Head Coach: Johnny Majors (Tennessee record: 102-56-8; Overall record: 159-99-10), Tennessee '57
Offensive Coordinator: Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee '72
Defensive Coordinator: Larry Lacewell, Arkansas '59

1991 SIGNEES

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
Becksvoort, John	K	6-0	160	Chattanooga, TN
*Bonner, Carlos	B	6-2	190	Greenwood, MS
*Brown, Victor	B	6-3	205	Savannah, GA
*Freeman, Dwayne	B	6-3	200	Hagerstown, MD
Frost, Tim	B	6-2	190	Clarkston, GA
Gaskins, Percell	B	6-2	190	Daytona Bch., FL
Hayden, Aaron	B	6-1	205	Detroit, MI
Horn, David	L	6-5	220	Riverdale, GA
Jones, Kendrick	B	5-10	180	Collierville, TN
Kidd, George	B	6-2	195	Milan, TN
Layman, Jason	L	6-6	265	Sevierville, TN
Miller, Stephen	L	6-1	265	Franklin, TN
Mitchell, Cleon	B	6-2	245	Lauderdale Lakes, FL
Peterson, Trey	L	6-4	280	New Smyrna Bch., FL
Prigmore, Quincy	B	6-3	205	Cleveland, TN
Ratliffe, Leslie	L	6-9	280	Newport, AR
Robinson, Tony	L	6-7	240	Memphis, TN
Sanders, Jesse	B	5-10	195	Sebring, FL
*Session, Steven	B	6-1	190	Natchez, MS
Shuler, Heath	B	6-3	205	Bryson City, NC
Smith, Jeff	L	6-4	280	Decatur, TN
Stewart, James	B	6-3	195	Morristown, TN
Talley, Ben	L	6-3	220	Griffin, GA
White, Steve	L	6-3	230	Memphis, TN

*denotes junior college transfer

Information provided by Bud Ford, Sports Information Director.

TULANE

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
65	Abramowicz, Andy	C	6-1	243	So.	New Orleans, LA
66	Atkins, Sam*	T	6-4	288	Sr.	Mobile, AL
31	Ballard, Steve	WR	5-9	183	Jr.	Metairie, LA
20	Barré, Stanley	TE	6-0	215	Sr.	New Orleans, LA
54	Batiste, Michael*	DE	6-3	294	So.	Beaumont, TX
83	Benford, Ray*	ILB	6-2	238	Sr.	Shreveport, LA
73	Bodine, Robert	G	6-2	285	So.	Hazleton, PA
8	Broadnax, Corey	WR	6-3	195	Fr.	Dallas, TX
77	Bruce, Erik	TE	6-3	228	Fr.	Cut Off, LA
3	Butler, Gary*	PK	5-6	145	Jr.	Pearl, MS
78	Byrd, Brant	T	6-3	240	So.	Alexandria, LA
67	Cesario, Richard	T	6-4	263	So.	Richardson, TX
39	Chung, Rico	CB	5-9	168	Jr.	Miami, FL
14	Clark, Chip*	P-S	5-10	170	So.	Leesville, LA
38	Clark, Tony	RB	5-8	212	Sr.	Thibodaux, LA
99	Clement, Ronnie*	DT	6-3	274	Sr.	Gonzales, LA
91	Davis, Darron	DE	6-4	232	Sr.	Pensacola, FL
68	Davis, Reggie	G	6-0	305	So.	Shreveport, LA
97	Davis, Roscoe	ILB	6-2	229	Sr.	Eglin AFB, FL
28	Dennis, Harold	RB	5-11	200	Jr.	St. James, LA
81	Dillon, Bill	DE	6-3	226	Jr.	Merritt Island, FL
94	Dove, Michael	DE	6-4	242	So.	Conroe, TX
32	Ducre, Brad	RB	5-9	205	Fr.	Mandeville, LA
10	Duncan, Billy	QB	6-0	191	So.	Kenner, LA
75	Ernst, Vernon	T	6-5	259	Sr.	Arabi, LA
62	Estep, Brian	G	6-3	254	Sr.	Leesville, LA
21	Fagan, Shawn	RB	5-10	192	So.	Jonesville, LA
36	Flye, Steven	CB	5-7	179	Fr.	Houston, TX
71	Freshwater, Ken	G	6-3	254	So.	Ft. Walton Bch., FL
50	Geohagan, Mike	DE	6-5	205	Fr.	Lakeland, FL
23	Gilmore, Wilbert	CB	5-11	182	So.	New Orleans, LA
19	Green, France	WR	5-10	184	Sr.	Tallahassee, FL
42	Green, Shad	ILB	6-2	226	Fr.	Monroe, LA
34	Hamilton, Brandon	CB	5-9	171	So.	Baton Rouge, LA
89	Hamilton, Ruffin	OLB	6-1	212	So.	Zachary, LA
88	Harvey, Beau	TE	6-2	254	So.	New Orleans, LA
69	Herrman, Charles*	C	6-3	240	Sr.	Panama City Bch., FL
55	Jantschek, Kevin	DT	6-1	259	Sr.	St. Petersburg, FL
46	Jeffords, Paul	QB	6-0	183	Fr.	Shelby, NC
22	Johnson, Jesse	CB	5-9	155	Fr.	Dallas, TX
57	Krummrich, Seth	OLB	6-2	215	Fr.	Rockwall, TX
53	Mack, Reggie	DT	6-1	289	Jr.	Shreveport, LA
59	Madden, Andy	OLB	5-10	183	Fr.	Picayune, MS
35	Martin, Jon Paul	CB	5-8	165	Sr.	St. Petersburg, FL
96	Martinez, Mark	ILB	6-2	235	Jr.	Metairie, LA
11	McDowell, Rod*	CB	6-0	181	Jr.	Riviera Beach, FL
58	McGowan, Darren	DE	6-4	235	Jr.	Merritt Island, FL
93	Melancon, Shawn	DT	6-3	262	Sr.	Gretna, LA
49	Milano, Marc	DE	6-3	225	Fr.	New Orleans, LA
27	Miller, Chance*	RB	5-9	190	Jr.	Metairie, LA
9	Parms, Willie	CB	5-8	171	Fr.	Baton Rouge, LA
85	Patch, Joey	PK	5-9	140	Fr.	Spring, TX
92	Patin, Carey	PK	5-7	153	Fr.	Jarreau, LA
37	Persicketti, Todd	S	6-0	182	Fr.	Satellite Bch., FL
84	Sanchez, Scott	TE	6-2	221	Fr.	Gulf Breeze, FL
95	Sapia, Chris	DE	6-2	220	Fr.	Harvey, LA
79	Simmons, Ezra	WR	5-9	156	Fr.	Scarsdale, NY
98	Smartt, Michael	OLB	6-1	193	Fr.	Richardson, TX
7	Smith, Willie	S	5-8	182	So.	Mobile, AL
15	Staid, Mike	S	6-2	187	Fr.	Baton Rouge, LA
6	Strickland, Terrance*	RB	5-8	194	Sr.	Shreveport, LA
33	Thornhill, Mark*	S	5-11	186	Jr.	Pensacola, FL
61	Tinsley, Mitch	C	6-2	248	So.	Gulfport, MS
86	Turner, Keino	WR	6-3	189	Fr.	Dallas, TX
2	Ursin, Jerry*	WR	6-1	210	Sr.	Lutcher, LA
1	Ursin, Wilbert	WR	6-1	177	So.	Lutcher, LA
45	Vela, Marcos	OLB	6-2	211	Fr.	Manvel, TX
47	Wiegand, Shane	ILB	6-0	217	So.	La Porte, TX
16	Woods, Jerome	QB	6-3	208	Sr.	Mobile, AL
17	Young, Jay	WR	5-9	175	Fr.	Pensacola, FL

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QUICK FACTS

1990 Record: 4-7-0
Head Coach: Greg Davis (Tulane record: 13-21-0; Overall record: 13-21-0), McNeese St. '73
Offensive Coordinator: Greg Davis
Defensive Coordinator: Hardee McCrary, Austin College '73

1991 SIGNEES

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
Anderson, Cedric	DB	6-0	175	Clinton, LA
Aylsworth, Bob	QB	6-0	180	Irving, TX
Case, Trey	DT	6-3	275	Lake Charles, LA
Dean, Jeff	LB	6-2	200	Richardson, TX
Deaton, Ryan	OL	6-1	255	Lufkin, TX
*Fillmore, Eric	OL	6-3	275	Provo, UT
Gill, Roger	DT	6-4	250	Reserve, LA
Harris, Keith	QB	6-0	180	Pensacola, FL
Hignight, Brad	LB	6-3	200	Biloxi, MS
Lacassin, Travis	DT	6-2	225	Baton Rouge, LA
Laiche, Ray	DE	6-2	225	La Place, LA
*Lampard, Bryan	LB	6-1	230	Metairie, LA
Pavone, Kevin	OL	6-1	260	New Orleans, LA
Perry, Joey	RB	5-10	190	Richardson, TX
Powers, Jay	DB	6-1	175	Westlake, LA
Salmon, Wesley	T	6-3	235	Baton Rouge, LA
Smith, P.J.	LB	6-1	210	St. Amant, LA
Snyder, Shawn	QB	6-1	190	Seminole, OK
Thomas, Cedric	DB	6-2	190	Shreveport, LA
Thomas, Ryan	QB	6-2	180	Winter Park, FL
Tingley, Kevin	DB	6-2	195	Richardson, TX
Watts, Tracey	QB	6-4	210	Pass Christian, MS
Whitehead, David	OL	6-3	260	Port Neches, TX
Williams, Alexander	DB	5-11	180	Thibodaux, LA

*denotes junior college transfer

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VANDERBILT

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.-WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
49	Akos, Pat	TE	6-5 248	So.	Parma, OH
36	Allmon, Mario	TB	5-8 153	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
21	Begge, Rich	DB	5-11 160	Fr.	Pittsburgh, PA
72	Bell, Ryan	G	6-3 274	So.	Detroit, MI
18	Bentley, Eric	LB	6-1 210	Jr.	Huntsville, AL
92	Bossier, Derick	DT	6-1 232	So.	Hahnville, LA
57	Brothen, Kevin*	C	6-2 289	Sr.	Oak Lawn, IL
8	Brothers, Jeff	QB	6-1 171	So.	Franklin, TN
37	Brown, Brad	LB	6-3 213	So.	Russellville, KY
77	Cannon, Don	NG	6-2 273	Fr.	St. Louis, MO
33	Carter, Anthony*	WB	5-11 210	Sr.	Radcliff, KY
20	Chalmers, Sam	FB	6-2 230	So.	Rochester, PA
90	Chura, Robbie	KS	5-6 146	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
63	Cohron, Chris	T	6-5 286	So.	Bowling Green, KY
40	Collins, Gerald*	LB	6-3 239	So.	St. Louis, MO
78	Craycraft, Bobby*	T	6-4 296	Sr.	Ashland, KY
64	Dahlberg, Eric	T	6-6 272	So.	Mt. Prospect, IL
11	Davis, Robert*	CB	5-9 186	So.	Nashville, TN
52	DeWitt, John	DT	6-4 243	So.	Ft. Smith, AR
96	Diggs, Brian	DT	6-7 245	Fr.	Columbus, OH
56	Dodge, Harlow	G	6-5 263	Sr.	Dunwoody, GA
54	Dooling, John	G	6-3 277	So.	Alton, IL
99	Ford, Kevin	LB	6-5 205	Jr.	Plano, TX
39	Francis, Rico	SS	6-0 197	So.	Louisville, KY
51	Gandolfo, Mike*	DT	6-1 232	Jr.	Houston, TX
68	Glewwe, Grant*	T	6-5 290	Sr.	Richardson, TX
80	Gordon, Shea	TE	6-3 217	Fr.	Houston, TX
1	Gragg, Derrick	SE	6-3 189	Sr.	Huntsville, AL
74	Griffin, Lloyd	G	6-4 272	So.	Spring, TX
22	Harris, Corey*	TB	6-1 190	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
6	Hayes, Brett	FB	5-10 211	Sr.	Los Angeles, CA
10	Healey, Mike	QB	6-1 190	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
25	Jackson, Tony	TB	5-8 170	So.	Saginaw, MI
65	Jewell, Rob	NG	6-4 294	So.	Horse Cave, KY
79	Justice, Brannon	T	6-4 315	Fr.	Lilburn, GA
97	Keith, Rod*	LB	6-2 227	Sr.	Hueytown, AL
43	King, Byron	FS	5-11 182	Fr.	Missouri City, TX
73	Kovacsiss, Ray	T	6-2 294	Fr.	Massillon, OH
89	Lawrence, David*	P	6-4 227	Jr.	Rome, GA
3	Leavell, Alvin	TB	5-8 172	Fr.	Duncanville, TX
30	Medes, Steve*	LB	6-2 198	Sr.	Runnemede, NJ
70	Mikesell, Mark	G	6-4 272	So.	Louisville, KY
83	Neal, David	TE	6-4 224	So.	Columbus, OH
75	O'Connell, Jason	G	6-4 282	Fr.	Bloomfield Hills, MI
82	Owen, Jeff*	KS-P	5-7 165	Sr.	Nashville, TN
87	Owen, Wayne	TE	6-2 235	Fr.	Powder Spgs., GA
24	Payne, Derrick	WB	5-7 182	Jr.	Memphis, TN
46	Payne, Ronthel	TB	5-8 180	Fr.	Atoka, TN
13	Peebles, Joe	QB	6-2 190	So.	Murfreesboro, TN
44	Pryor, Will	FB	5-9 200	So.	Homewood, AL
31	Quarles, Shelton*	LB	6-2 210	So.	Nashville, TN
69	Richards, Tim	T	6-6 279	Jr.	Columbus, GA
88	Rigling, Bill	LB	6-3 213	So.	Hamilton, OH
45	Risser, Royce	LB	6-1 214	Jr.	Hacienda Hgts., CA
41	Rogers, Gary	LB	6-3 205	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
17	Sevillian, Clarence*	SE	6-0 185	Jr.	Flint, MI
61	Small, Clint	C	6-3 253	Fr.	Austin, TX
27	Smith, Aaron*	FS	5-11 180	So.	Troy, OH
86	Smith, Larry	TE	6-5 248	Fr.	Arlington, TX
59	Stanford, Ashley	DT	6-2 230	So.	Russellville, AL
29	Taylor, Charles	WB	5-10 184	Sr.	Pacifica, CA
34	Thomas, Carlos*	FB	5-10 219	Jr.	Memphis, TN
71	Vincent, Tom	NG	6-6 275	Jr.	Brownsville, KY
4	Walker, Scott	CB	6-1 196	Sr.	Wynnewood, PA
7	Walker, Tim	TB	5-11 185	Jr.	Solana Beach, CA
15	Walter, Nizam	SS	5-11 182	Fr.	Los Angeles, CA
48	Weingart, Joel	LB	6-2 212	Sr.	North Benton, OH
26	Weir, Eric	SE	6-2 172	So.	Houston, TX
14	Whatley, Gabriel	QB	6-1 175	Fr.	Stone Mtn., GA
47	Wilham, Derek	CB	5-9 180	So.	Indianapolis, IN
2	Wilson, Marcus*	QB	6-1 197	Jr.	Louisville, KY
91	Wooldridge, Louis*	LB	6-1 219	Sr.	Carson, CA
94	Wroblewski, Tom*	DT	6-3 261	Sr.	Beavercreek, OH
58	Young, Alan	LB	6-4 238	So.	Woodstock, NY
9	Young, Robbie*	CB	6-1 186	Jr.	Evansville, IN

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (8); Defense (10); Kickers (2).

Information provided by Lew Harris, Sports Information Director.

QUICK FACTS

1990 Record: 1-10-0; 1-6-0 T8th SEC

Head Coach: Gerry DiNardo (Vanderbilt record: 0-0-0; Overall record: 0-0-0), Notre Dame '75

Offensive Coordinator: Gerry DiNardo

Defensive Coordinator: Carl Reese, Missouri '65

1991 SIGNEES

NAME	POS.	HT.-WT.	HOMETOWN
Anderson, Tremayne	WR	6-0 190	Dayton, OH
Atterberry, Derrick	DB	6-1 180	Dayton, OH
Banks, Gabe	QB	6-0 175	Dublin, OH
Breazeale, Steve	OLB	6-2 240	Shalimar, FL
Brown, Brad	LB	6-3 215	Russellville, KY
Dixon, Tor	DB	5-10 175	Columbus, OH
Ellerbe, Jason	RB	6-0 185	Sealy, TX
Elliott, Jack	DE	6-4 220	Dallas, TX
Fant, Charles	QB	5-10 175	Milford, OH
Fitz, Tim	OL	6-4 240	Cincinnati, OH
Griffin, Darryl	WR	5-11 185	Chicago, IL
Jones, Mike	OL	6-2 250	Cincinnati, OH
Josey, Brian	OL	6-5 245	Cantonment, FL
Juliano, Rob	K	5-10 175	Mt. Laurel, NJ
Koepke, Bryon	TE	6-4 230	Chicago Heights, IL
Latore, Dan	TE	6-4 240	Middletown, NJ
Lewis, Eric	B	6-0 190	Oxford, AL
Melton, Ricky	LB	6-1 210	West Point, MS
Reynolds, Robert	OL	6-6 310	Louisville, KY
Ryals, Chris	DB	6-1 180	Cincinnati, OH
Saenz, Richard	G	6-3 240	Houston, TX
Scarbrough, Alex	TB	6-1 185	Birmingham, AL
Sullivan, Bill	LB	6-3 240	Houston, TX
Tandy, David	DL	6-5 250	Owensboro, KY
Vascocu, Jerry	LB	6-2 230	Ruston, LA

1990 ALL-STARS

ALL-SEC

Selected by AP, UPI and Coaches—Names without notations were unanimous.

Offense

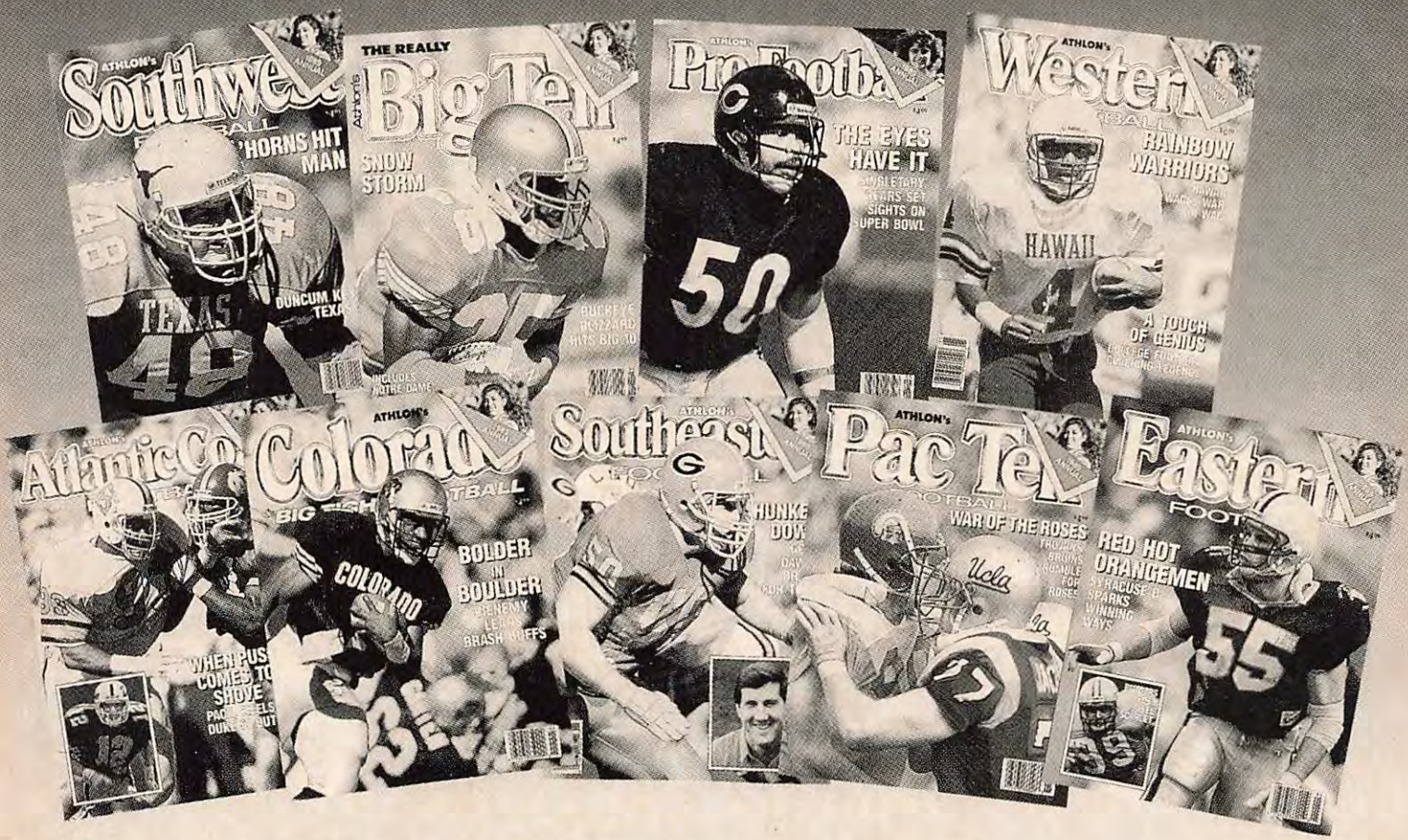
WR	Carl Pickens	So.	Tennessee
WR	Todd Kinchen (AP, Coaches)	Jr.	LSU
WR	Ernie Mills (UPI)	Sr.	Florida
TE	Kirk Kirkpatrick (AP, Coaches)	Sr.	Florida
T	Antone Davis*	Sr.	Tennessee
T	Rob Selby (AP, Coaches)	Sr.	Auburn
T	Terrill Chatman (UPI, Coaches)	Sr.	Alabama
T	Charles McRae (Coaches)	Sr.	Tennessee
G	Ed King*	Jr.	Auburn
G	Ricky Byrd (AP)	Sr.	Miss. St.
C	Roger Shultz	Sr.	Alabama
C	Cal Dixon (UPI)	Sr.	Florida
C	Blake Miller (Coaches)	Sr.	LSU
QB	Shane Matthews	So.	Florida
RB	Randy Baldwin	Jr.	Ole Miss
RB	Tony Thompson	Sr.	Tennessee
RB	Harvey Williams (UPI)	Sr.	LSU
PK	Philip Doyle*	Sr.	Alabama

Defense

DL	Kelvin Pritchett	Sr.	Ole Miss
DL	David Rocker*	Sr.	Auburn
DL	George Thornton	Sr.	Alabama
DL	Marc Boutte (UPI)	Jr.	LSU
LB	Huey Richardson*	Sr.	Florida
LB	John Sullins	Jr.	Alabama
LB	Randy Holleran (AP, Coaches)	Sr.	Kentucky
LB	Godfrey Myles (Coaches)	Sr.	Florida
LB	Tim Paulk (UPI)	Jr.	Florida
LB	Reggie Stewart (AP)	Sr.	Miss. St.
DB	Dale Carter	Jr.	Tennessee
DB	Efrum Thomas	Sr.	Alabama
DB	Richard Fain (AP, Coaches)	Sr.	Florida
DB	Will White* (UPI, Coaches)	So.	Florida
DB	Chris Mitchell (AP)	Sr.	Ole Miss
DB	John Wiley (UPI)	Sr.	Auburn
P	David Lawrence (AP, Coaches)	So.	Vanderbilt
P	Joey Chapman (UPI)	Fr.	Tennessee

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Preps Loaded With Talented QBs

by Taylor Bell

Last year, *Athlon*'s national Elite Twenty-Two included seven offensive and defensive linemen but only two quarterbacks.

In 1991, there are eight interior linemen on the elite list. But don't be misled. This is the Year of the Quarterback in high school football.

Five of the Elite Twenty-Two are quarterbacks whose passing credentials are impeccable. They are being recruited by the most air-minded programs in the nation, including Miami, Florida State, Brigham Young and Houston.

Eric Boykin (6–3, 200) of Dayton (Ohio) Meadowdale set a single-season passing record in the Dayton area last season, throwing for 2,490 yards and 22 touchdowns for an 8–2 team. Of 55 Division I players produced in 12 years by Coach Pat Masters, Boykin is described as "by far the best we've had."

He is considering Ohio State, Tennessee, Illinois, Michigan and Florida.

Chuck Clements (6–3, 175) of Huntsville, Texas, won't break his brother Steve's all-time state record for career passing yardage (8,204). But his goal is to surpass Steve's single-season record of 3,700. Last year, Chuck completed 200 of 362 passes for 2,919 yards and 29 touchdowns for an 11–2 team that lost in the quarterfinals of the state playoff.

One thing is certain: Chuck won't follow Steve to Texas. He backed up Steve as a freshman and sophomore, and is eager to establish his own identity on another campus. He is considering Miami, Florida State, Houston, BYU and Notre Dame.

"Chuck has the potential to be better than Steve," says Huntsville Coach Joe Clements, their father. "The big difference between them is experience."

Rodney Hudson (6–2, 175) of La Grange, Ga., has 4.4 speed. As a junior, he rushed for 300 yards and completed 94 of 173 passes for 1,744 yards and 21 touchdowns for a 9–2 team.

"What catches most people's eyes is his mobility," Coach Gary Guthrie says of Hudson. "Many plays don't go as you draw them up, but he can make something happen."

Steve Taneyhill (6–5, 205) of Altoona, Pa., is widely acknowledged as the No. 1 quarterback prospect in the nation. Last year, he completed 150 of 265 passes for 2,022 yards on a 7–4 team.

Chris Walsh (6–3, 180) of St. Paul (Minn.) Cretin-Derham Hall is the younger brother of New Orleans Saints quarterback Steve Walsh. Last year, Chris completed 60 percent of his passes for 2,410 yards and 26 touchdowns for a 10–2 team. Miami, Florida, Florida State and all the Big Ten schools are interested.

Coach Mel Scanlan compares Walsh favorably to his older brother and Chris Wienke, Cretin-Derham's All-America quarterback two years ago. "Chris (Walsh) is more physical and more advanced than Steve and more a student of the game than Wienke. But is Chris as good as Steve? Nobody is better than Steve."

"Everywhere you look, there are top quarterbacks," talent scout Tom Lemming says. "In Texas, for example, there are four quarterbacks who have All-America potential. This is as good a class of quarterbacks as we've seen in the last 10 years."

Adam Meadows (6–6, 235) of Powder Springs (Ga.) McEachern is the best tight end in the nation, while Mike McDaniels (6–2, 195) of Oklahoma City Marshall is the best wide receiver.

McDaniels, who has 4.5 speed, caught 65 passes for 1,145 yards and nine touchdowns for a 6–4 team last season. As a strong safety, he had four interceptions.

Best running backs are Shawn Walters (6–0, 215) of Arlington (Texas) Lamar and Steve Davis (6–2, 215) of Spartanburg, S.C.

Walters, a power runner who may be headed for Texas A&M, rushed for more than 2,000 yards last year. Davis was the only junior on South Carolina's all-state team in '90.

Best offensive lineman is guard Jeff Buckey (6–5, 282) of Bakersfield, Calif. He is a superb athlete who was an all-state football selection as a sophomore and junior. He bench-presses 405 pounds.

Buckey also is an outstanding student. He has a 4.1 grade-point average (on a 4.0 scale) and wants to study medicine in college. Last year he was described as "the main cog" on a running team that went 13–0 and ranked No. 2 in the state. West Coast schools may have an edge, but he wants to visit Notre Dame and Penn State. ■

National Elite Twenty-Two

Top high school seniors of 1991:

Eric Boykin, QB, 6–3, 200, Dayton (Ohio) Meadowdale
Jeff Buckey, OL, 6–5, 282, Bakersfield, Calif.
Kendrick Burton, DL, 6–6, 265, Hartselle, Ala.
Chuck Clements, QB, 6–3, 175, Huntsville, Texas
Jeff Craig, OL, 6–6, 275, Connellsville, Pa.
Henri Crockett, LB, 6–3, 235, Pompano Beach (Fla.) Ely
Steve Davis, RB, 6–2, 215, Spartanburg, S.C.
Rodney Hudson, QB, 6–2, 175, La Grange, Ga.
Anthony Jones, DL, 6–5, 250, Oak Lawn (Ill.) Richards
Marcus Jones, DL, 6–6, 245, Jacksonville (N.C.) Southwest Onslow
Marcus Long, TE-DL, 6–5, 265, Daytona Beach (Fla.) Mainland
Will Lyell, OL, 6–5, 235, Brandon, Miss.
Mike McDaniels, WR-DB, 6–2, 195, Oklahoma City (Okla.) Marshall
Adam Meadows, TE, 6–6, 235, Powder Springs (Ga.) McEachern
Eddie Mosley, DL, 6–6, 230, Memphis (Tenn.) Trezevant
Steve Taneyhill, QB, 6–5, 205, Altoona, Pa.
Bobby Taylor, DB, 6–4, 190, Longview, Texas
Gary Taylor, RB, 6–0, 180, San Diego (Calif.) Morse
Robert Toomer, RB, 6–1, 190, Sylvester (Ga.) Worth County
Chris Walsh, QB, 6–3, 180, St. Paul (Minn.) Cretin-Derham Hall
Shawn Walters, RB, 6–0, 215, Arlington (Texas) Lamar
Tamarick Vanover, DB, 6–1, 190, Tallahassee (Fla.) Leon

LEMMING'S TOP 101

	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	College
1.	Eric Zeier	qb	6-1	205	Marietta, Ga.	Georgia
2.	Marquette Smith	rb	5-8	187	Winter Park, Fla.	Florida State
3.	Heath Shuler	qb	6-3	200	Bryson City, N.C.	Tennessee
4.	Derrick Brooks	db	6-0	200	Pensacola, Fla.	Florida State
5.	Rodney Thomas	rb	6-2	195	Groveton, Texas	Texas A&M
6.	Mike Miller	wr	5-7	155	Sugar Land, Texas	Notre Dame
7.	Sam Adams	dl	6-4	265	Houston, Texas	Texas A&M
8.	Napoleon Kaufman	rb	5-9	170	Lompoc, Calif.	Washington
9.	Stephen Pitts	rb	5-11	190	Middletown, N.J.	Penn State
10.	Donnie Davis	qb	6-3	185	Burlington, N.C.	Georgia Tech
11.	Roymon Malcolm	rb	6-3	195	Ruston, La.	Auburn
12.	Alan Hall	qb	6-4	220	Middleburg, Fla.	Miami (Fla.)
13.	Jamir Miller	lb	6-5	222	El Cerrito, Calif.	UCLA
14.	Greg DeLong	te	6-5	225	Orefield, Pa.	North Carolina
15.	Rafael Denson	rb	5-9	175	Ardmore, Okla.	Oklahoma State
16.	Trent Zenkewicz	dl	6-5	265	Cleveland, Ohio	Michigan
17.	John Horn	dl	6-6	250	Joliet, Ill.	Illinois
18.	Kevin Carter	lb	6-5	238	Tallahassee, Fla.	Florida
19.	Deollo Anderson	db	6-1	190	Youngstown, Ohio	Michigan
20.	Lee Beckton	rb	5-11	185	Vanceboro, N.C.	Notre Dame
21.	John Walsh	qb	6-4	205	Carson, Calif.	Brigham Young
22.	Darnay Scott	wr	6-3	185	San Diego, Calif.	San Diego State
23.	Jason Layman	dl	6-5	265	Sevierville, Tenn.	Tennessee
24.	Phillip Riley	wr	6-0	170	Orlando, Fla.	Florida State
25.	Dale Person	lb	6-3	240	Chicago, Ill.	Michigan State
26.	Tyrone Wheatley	rb	6-1	210	Dearborn Hgts., Mich.	Michigan
27.	Scott Joslyn	ol	6-5	298	Orlando, Fla.	Florida
28.	James Stewart	rb	6-2	208	Vero Beach, Fla.	Miami (Fla.)
29.	Rob Johnson	qb	6-4	195	El Toro, Calif.	USC
30.	Larry Washington	rb	5-11	198	Randallstown, Md.	Maryland
31.	Patrick Kesi	ol	6-4	290	Honolulu, Hawaii	Washington
32.	Wilbert Biggens	rb	5-8	187	Aldine, Texas	Texas A&M
33.	Emerson Wells	db	6-3	225	Paducah, Ky.	Kentucky
34.	Robert Denton	ol	6-6	269	Martinsville, Ind.	Michigan State
35.	Jamie Mignon	lb	6-5	245	Appleton, Wis.	Michigan
36.	Basil Shabazz	rb	6-1	190	Pine Bluff, Ark.	Arkansas
37.	George Hegamin	ol/dl	6-7	305	Camden, N.J.	N. Carolina St.
38.	Sedric Holden	dl	6-4	245	Anderson, S.C.	Notre Dame
39.	Bruce Presley	rb	6-0	195	Highland Park, N.J.	Rutgers
40.	Brian Robinson	db	6-3	185	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	Auburn
41.	Dameian Jeffries	lb	6-5	241	Sylacauga, Ala.	Alabama
42.	Mario Bates	rb	6-1	205	Tucson, Ariz.	Arizona State
43.	Fred Harris	dl	6-3	215	Shreveport, La.	San Diego St.
44.	Aaron Hayden	b	6-1	205	Detroit, Mich.	Tennessee
45.	Huntley Bakich	lb	6-3	210	Dallas, Texas	Notre Dame
46.	Scott Stratton	ol	6-6	310	West Chester, Ohio	Penn State
47.	James Milliner	rb	6-1	190	Annandale, Va.	UCLA
48.	Tommy Preston	qb	6-3	180	College Station, Texas	Texas A&M
49.	John McClain	rb	6-2	220	Cartersville, Ga.	LSU
50.	Steve Hoffmann	dl	6-36	250	San Jose, Calif.	Washington
51.	Aaron Sparrow	qb	6-2	195	Portsmouth, Va.	Virginia
52.	Corey Rogers	rb	5-10	195	Chicago, Ill.	Purdue
53.	Syii Tucker	te	6-6	225	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Miami (Fla.)
54.	Jason Stanicek	qb	6-1	175	Park Forest, Ill.	North Carolina
55.	Andre Johnson	ol	6-6	280	Southampton, N.Y.	Penn State
56.	Tony Johnson	te	6-5	240	Como, Miss.	Alabama
57.	Brian Williams	lb	6-3	220	Dallas, Texas	USC
58.	Mike Fredenburg	ol	6-5	290	Kennesaw, Ga.	Georgia
59.	Brian Brown	wr	5-9	172	Grand Prairie, Texas	Arkansas
60.	Norman Watkins	lb	6-1	200	Irving, Texas	Texas
61.	Curtis Martin	rb	6-0	185	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Pittsburgh
62.	Robert Loya	ol	6-3	280	Fontana, Calif.	USC
63.	Walter Reggans	dl	6-5	250	Aurora, Colo.	Michigan
64.	Ryan Huffman	qb	6-3	205	Houston, Texas	LSU
65.	Damon Huard	qb	6-4	210	Puyallup, Wash.	Washington
66.	Greg Wilkins	dl	6-4	280	Chicago, Ill.	Oklahoma
67.	David Weeks	ol	6-6	245	Atlanta, Ga.	Georgia
68.	Andre Hill	rb	6-0	185	Georgetown, Texas	Iowa
69.	Marty Lowe	qb	6-2	190	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Louisville
70.	Willie Gaston	db	5-11	175	Mobile, Ala.	Alabama
71.	Reggie Britton	wr	5-9	175	Chicago, Ill.	Central State
72.	Craig Powell	te	6-5	215	Youngstown, Ohio	Ohio State
73.	Kenny Wilkins	db	6-4	205	Mesa, Ariz.	Colorado
74.	Ken Ferguson	qb	6-3	195	Arlington, Texas	Pittsburgh
75.	Brandon Bennett	rb	6-0	195	Greer, S.C.	South Carolina
76.	Tracy Graham	db	5-10	180	Chicago, Ill.	Notre Dame
77.	Blake Brockermeyer	ol	6-5	265	Fort Worth, Texas	Texas
78.	Carlos Artis	wr	6-3	180	Phoenix, Ariz.	Arizona State
79.	Mike Archie	rb	5-10	195	Sharon, Pa.	Penn State
80.	Keith Conlin	l	6-7	260	Philadelphia, Pa.	Penn State
81.	Hickey Thompson	tb	5-11	180	Belleville, Ill.	Michigan State
82.	Mark Bruener	te	6-5	230	Aberdeen, Wash.	Washington
83.	Bryan Thornton	dl	6-7	284	Mobile, Ala.	Alabama
84.	Justin Armour	qb	6-6	213	Manitou Springs, Colo.	Stanford
85.	Phillip Kinney	dl	6-3	265	Lawton, Okla.	Oklahoma
86.	James Thornton	rb	5-11	195	McKinney, Texas	Texas
87.	Leslie Ratliffe	dl	6-9	280	Newport, Ark.	Tennessee
88.	Louis Fite	rb	5-8	180	Waco, Texas	Baylor
89.	Tony Robinson	dl	6-7	240	Memphis, Tenn.	Tennessee
90.	Shannon McLean	fb	6-2	220	Detroit, Mich.	Nevada-Las Vegas
91.	Che Foster	rb	6-3	240	Edmond, Okla.	Michigan
92.	David Palmer	rb	5-8	165	Birmingham, Ala.	Alabama
93.	Bob Hoying	qb	6-5	210	St. Henry, Ohio	Ohio State
94.	JaJuan Penny	wr	6-0	185	Tulsa, Okla.	Oklahoma
95.	Ki-Jana Carter	rb	6-0	213	Westerville, Ohio	Penn State
96.	Rodney Young	db	6-3	200	Grambling, La.	LSU
97.	Greg Frey	ol	6-6	270	Clearwater, Fla.	Florida State
98.	John Elmore	ol	6-4	260	Sherman, Texas	Texas
99.	Kenny Harrison	wr	6-3	180	Port Arthur, Texas	Texas
100.	Kendall Bussey	rb	6-3	215	Marrero, La.	Colorado
101.	Damon Hood	rb	6-2	205	Bowling Green, Ky.	Kentucky

Michigan's Mo Got Best of Best

by Taylor Bell

Unlike the past four years, when nearly every talent scout and college recruiting coordinator agreed Notre Dame signed the best freshman football class in the nation, the competition for No. 1 in 1991 was closer and more arguable.

There was agreement on one issue, however. Michigan, Florida State and Penn State were far ahead of the field.

Talent scout Tom Lemming of Schaumburg, Ill., author of *Prep Football Report*, selected the Wolverines "because they recruited more balance, more depth, more superstar players and a whole class capable of starting in the next four years. There are no players who don't figure to contribute."

Michigan Coach Gary Moeller and his staff signed six of Lemming's Top 101 prospects in the country. They include the best safety (Deollo Anderson of Youngstown, Ohio), best defensive lineman (Trent Zenkewicz of Cleveland, Ohio), two of the best running backs (Tyrone Wheatley of Dearborn, Mich., and Che Foster of Edmond, Okla.) and three All-America defensive linemen (Zenkewicz, Jamie Mignon of Appleton, Wis., and Walter Reggans of Aurora, Colo.).

But that isn't all. The Wolverines recruited one of the top three groups of offensive linemen in the nation, and one of the biggest sleepers in wide receiver Felman Malveaux of Hamshire, Texas.

Michigan also signed several others who didn't make the Top 101 list but are good enough to make an impact.

"It proves there is life after Bo Schembechler," Lemming says. "Moeller has proven he is a better recruiter than Bo. Moeller's last two classes were better than the previous five brought in by Bo. A lot of people said Moeller's personality wouldn't attract blue chippers. But he has dispelled those myths. He has put together the most aggressive recruiting staff in the country."

Florida State was rated No. 2. The Seminoles signed *USA TODAY*'s Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year: running back Marquette Smith of Winter Park, Fla., and defensive back Derrick Brooks of Pensacola, Fla.

Penn State, No. 3, signed six Top 101 prospects. The best may be Stephen Pitts of Middletown, N.J., rated No. 9 in the nation.

Other Top 10 recruiting classes were signed by Tennessee, Colorado, Texas A&M, Florida, Georgia, Washington and Alabama. Texas and Miami also signed excellent classes.

Notre Dame? About 15th. Coach Lou Holtz signed five of the nation's Top 101 prospects but his overall class lacked its usual quality and depth. Best recruit was wide receiver Mike Miller of Sugar Land, Texas, who is being described as another Rocket Ismail. ■

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SEC 1990 REVIEW

Standings

	Conf.	Overall
Tennessee	5-1-1	9-2-2
Ole Miss	5-2-0	9-3-0
Alabama	5-2-0	7-5-0
Auburn	4-2-1	8-3-1
Kentucky	3-4-0	4-7-0
LSU	2-5-0	5-6-0
Georgia	2-5-0	4-7-0
Mississippi St.	1-6-0	5-6-0
Vanderbilt	1-6-0	1-10-0
*Florida	6-1-0	9-2-0

*Ineligible for SEC Championship

Highlights

The Tennessee Volunteers captured their second straight SEC championship. Coach John Majors' team capped a 9-2-2 season with a come-from-behind 23-22 win over Virginia in the USF&G Sugar Bowl game. Three other teams—Alabama, Auburn and Ole Miss—played in bowl games in 1990. Auburn came away with a 27-23 victory over Indiana in the Peach Bowl. Alabama lost to Louisville 34-7 in the Fiesta Bowl. Ole Miss lost to Michigan 35-3 in the Mazda Gator Bowl. Tennessee finished sixth in *Athlon*'s Top 20 and eighth in The Associated Press poll. Florida (9-2) was 13th in the AP poll, Auburn (8-3-1) 19th and Ole Miss (9-3) 21st. Four players were consensus All-Americans: OT Antone Davis of Tennessee, OG Ed King of Auburn, PK Philip Doyle of Alabama and DT David Rocker of Auburn. Doyle led the nation in field-goal average per game (2.18), Dale Carter of Tennessee was tops in the country in kickoff returns with a 29.8-yard average and Florida sophomore quarterback Shane Matthews was sixth in total offense with a 266-yard average.

Team Statistics

RUSHING OFFENSE

Team	G	Car.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Vanderbilt	11	538	2498	4.6	19	227.1
Ole Miss	11	509	2297	4.5	23	208.8
Tennessee	12	507	2468	4.9	33	205.7
Alabama	11	517	2144	4.2	19	194.9
Florida	11	440	1781	4.1	19	161.9
LSU	11	464	1693	3.7	10	153.9
Georgia	11	463	1667	3.6	11	151.6
Auburn	11	433	1601	3.7	11	145.6
Mississippi St.	11	392	1434	3.7	7	130.4
Kentucky	11	447	1433	3.2	14	130.3

RUSHING DEFENSE

Team	G	Car.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Florida	11	386	941	2.4	8	85.6
Alabama	11	402	1007	2.5	6	91.6
Auburn	11	430	1311	3.1	13	119.2
Ole Miss	11	477	1660	3.5	10	150.9
Tennessee	12	522	2054	3.9	9	171.2
Mississippi St.	11	503	1984	3.9	14	180.4
Kentucky	11	476	2064	4.3	15	187.6
Georgia	11	523	2327	4.5	17	211.6
LSU	11	511	2344	4.6	20	213.1
Vanderbilt	11	557	3153	5.7	41	286.6

PASSING OFFENSE

Team	G	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	YPG
Florida	11	415	246	16	59.3	3197	25	290.6
Auburn	11	364	196	15	53.8	2462	14	223.8
Tennessee	12	339	193	17	56.9	2465	16	205.4
Kentucky	11	390	216	17	55.4	2152	14	195.6
Mississippi St.	11	302	158	9	52.3	1934	14	175.8
Ole Miss	11	239	108	13	45.2	1806	10	164.2
LSU	11	266	133	6	50.0	1755	10	159.6
Vanderbilt	11	233	116	9	49.8	1594	10	144.9
Alabama	11	294	142	16	48.3	1529	4	139.0
Georgia	11	237	115	13	48.5	1436	6	130.6

PASSING DEFENSE

Team	G	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	YPG
LSU	11	244	122	19	50.0	1395	8	126.8
Alabama	11	309	141	15	45.6	1516	5	137.8
Tennessee	12	336	163	24	48.5	1732	12	144.3
Auburn	11	308	159	9	51.6	1691	9	153.7
Florida	11	322	153	19	47.5	1893	9	172.1
Vanderbilt	11	232	132	8	56.9	2013	19	183.0
Georgia	11	271	153	7	56.5	2039	16	185.4
Kentucky	11	253	130	4	51.4	2093	18	190.3
Ole Miss	11	315	178	9	56.5	2142	11	194.7
Mississippi St.	11	328	185	9	56.4	2299	11	209.0

TOTAL OFFENSE

Team	G	Pts.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Florida	11	855	4978	5.8	49	452.6
Tennessee	12	846	4933	5.8	55	411.1
Ole Miss	11	746	4103	5.5	36	373.0
Vanderbilt	11	771	4087	5.3	29	371.6
Auburn	11	797	4062	5.1	29	369.3
Alabama	11	811	3673	4.5	26	333.9
Kentucky	11	837	3585	4.3	28	325.9
LSU	11	730	3448	4.7	20	313.5
Mississippi St.	11	694	3368	4.9	26	306.2
Georgia	11	699	3103	4.4	19	282.1

TOTAL DEFENSE

Team	G	Pts.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Alabama	11	711	2523	3.6	13	229.4
Florida	11	708	2834	4.0	21	257.6
Auburn	11	738	3002	4.1	22	272.9
Tennessee	12	858	3786	4.4	23	315.5
LSU	11	755	3739	5.0	30	339.9
Ole Miss	11	792	3802	4.8	22	345.6
Kentucky	11	729	4161	5.7	40	378.3
Mississippi St.	11	831	4283	5.2	27	389.4
Georgia	11	794	4366	5.5	34	396.9
Vanderbilt	11	789	5166	6.6	64	469.6

Individual Statistics

PASSING EFFICIENCY

Player and School	Cl.	G	Att.	Cmp.	Cmp. Pct.	Int.	Int. Pct.	Yds.	Yds./ Att.	TD	Rating Points
Mike Healey, Vanderbilt	So.	11	130	75	57.7	1	0.8	1041	8.0	10	148.8
Shane Matthews, Florida	So.	11	378	229	60.6	12	3.2	2952	7.8	23	139.9
Andy Kelly, Tennessee	Jr.	12	304	179	58.9	14	4.6	2241	7.4	14	126.8
Greg Talley, Georgia	Jr.	11	123	72	58.5	5	4.1	871	7.1	4	120.6
Tom Luke, Ole Miss	So.	10	107	51	47.7	6	5.6	853	8.0	4	115.8
Russ Shows, Ole Miss	So.	9	126	57	45.2	6	4.8	953	7.6	6	115.0
Stan White, Auburn	Fr.	11	338	180	53.3	14	4.1	2242	6.6	14	114.4
Chad Loup, LSU	Fr.	11	141	75	53.2	4	2.8	975	6.9	3	112.6

RUSHING

Player and School	Cl.	G	Car.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Tony Thompson, Tennessee	Sr.	12	219	1261	5.8	16	105.1
Randy Baldwin, Ole Miss	Jr.	11	163	970	6.0	11	88.2
Harvey Williams, LSU	Sr.	11	205	953	4.6	7	86.6
Errict Rhett, Florida	Fr.	11	148	845	5.7	4	76.8
Al Baker, Kentucky	Sr.	11	170	780	4.6	10	70.9
Garrison Hearst, Georgia	Fr.	11	162	717	4.4	5	65.2
Carlos Thomas, Vanderbilt	So.	11	113	680	6.0	6	61.8
Willie McClendon, Florida	Jr.	11	127	631	5.0	7	57.4

RECEIVING

Player and School	Cl.	G	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	CTPG
Carl Pickens, Tennessee	So.	11	53	917	17.3	6	4.8
Kirk Kirkpatrick, Florida	Sr.	11	55	770	14.0	7	5.0
Ernie Mills, Florida	Sr.	11	41	770	18.8	10	3.7
Greg Taylor, Auburn	Sr.	11	46	650	14.1	7	4.2
Phil Logan, Kentucky	Sr.	11	37	565	15.3	4	3.4
Clarence Sevillian, Vanderbilt	So.	11	29	536	18.5	4	2.6
Alvin Harper, Tennessee	Sr.	12	37	567	15.3	8	3.1
Tyrone Montgomery, Ole Miss	Jr.	9	15	386	25.7	1	1.7
Jerry Bouldin, Mississippi St.	Sr.	11	32	447	14.0	6	2.9
Herbert Casey, Auburn	So.	11	25	439	17.6	2	2.3

SCORING

Player and School	Cl.	G	TD	XP	FG	Pts.	PTPG
Greg Burke, Tennessee	Sr.	12	0	50	19	107	8.9
Philip Doyle, Alabama	Sr.	11	0	24	24	96	8.7
Tony Thompson, Tennessee	Sr.	12	16	0	0	96	8.0
Arden Czyzewski, Florida	Jr.	11	0	42	15	87	7.9
Jim Von Wyl, Auburn	Jr.	11	0	27	17	78	7.1
Randy Baldwin, Ole Miss	Jr.	11	13	0	0	78	7.1
Al Baker, Kentucky	Sr.	11	12	0	0	72	6.6
John Kasay, Georgia	Sr.	11	0	10	19	67	6.1
Ernie Mills, Florida	Sr.	11	10	0	0	60	5.5

PUNTING

Player and School	Cl.	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Joey Chapman, Tennessee	Fr.	45	1885	41.9
Brian Griffith, LSU	Jr.	52	2164	41.6
David Lawrence, Vanderbilt	So.	44	1810	41.1
Mike Riley, Mississippi St.	Jr.	57	2332	40.9
Bill Hawk, Kentucky	Jr.	67	2701	40.3
Charles Childers, Ole Miss	Sr.	53	2088	39.4
Scot Armstrong, Georgia	Fr.	62	2381	38.4
Richie Nell, Auburn	Sr.	58	2101	36.2
Arden Czyzewski, Florida	Jr.	32	1109	34.7



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